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**SENATE BILL NO. 908**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 1-240.1, relating to rights of parents.*

Patrons—Reeves and Obenshain

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 1-240.1 as follows:**

**§ 1-240.1. Rights of parents.**

A. *The liberty of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, and care of the parent's child is a fundamental right. The Commonwealth, any instrumentality thereof, or any locality shall not infringe upon this right without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not otherwise served.*

B. *The provisions of this section shall apply to any statute, local ordinance, rule of court, or regulation and the implementation of such statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation regardless of whether such statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation was adopted or effective prior to or after July 1, 2013. A statute enacted after July 1, 2013, is subject to the provisions of this section unless the statute expressly excludes such application by reference to this section.*

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