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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1642**

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice  
on February 15, 2013)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Pogge)

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

**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 parent has a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, and care of the parent's child.*

**2. That it is the expressed intent of the General Assembly that this act codify the opinion of the Supreme Court of Virginia in *L.F. v. Breit*, issued on January 10, 2013, as it relates to parental rights.**

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE**

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