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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 152 by Representative Amedee

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 11 through 13 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "Section 28. A. The family is essential to a free society. The relationship  
4 between parent and child is preeminent in establishing and maintaining the well-  
5 being of the child. Parents have the responsibility for providing the basic necessities  
6 of life as well as love and affection to their children. Parents have the paramount  
7 right to raise their children in accordance with their own values and traditions.  
8 Parents shall make the decisions regarding where and with whom the child shall  
9 reside, the educational, moral, ethical, and religious training of the child, the  
10 medical, psychiatric, surgical, and preventive health care of the child, and the  
11 discipline of the child. Children owe to their parents respect, obedience, and  
12 affection.

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14 B. The role of the state in the family is limited and should only be asserted  
15 when there is a serious threat to the family, the parents, or the child. Extraordinary  
16 procedures established by law are meant to be used only when required by necessity,  
17 and then with due respect for the right of the parents, the children, and the institution  
18 of the family, and only to the extent that such procedures are not prohibited by this  
19 Constitution. Any law, rule, regulation, or decision which would diminish parental  
20 rights as provided in Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be subject to strict scrutiny."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 2

22 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety and insert the following:

23 "Do you support an amendment to provide that parents have the fundamental right  
24 to raise their children in accordance with their own values and traditions and make  
25 decisions regarding the well-being of the child? (Adds Article 1, Section 28)"