

By Commissioner Evans

1 A proposal to revise
2 ARTICLE I, Fla. Const.; adding s. 26 to provide
3 for parents' rights to direct the education of
4 their children and to provide that the state
5 has a compelling interest in punishing child
6 abuse.

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8 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
9 that:

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11 Section 1. Article I of the Florida Constitution is
12 revised by adding Section 26 to read:

13 ARTICLE I

14 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

15 Section 26. Parents' rights.--The right of parents to
16 direct the upbringing and education of their children is a
17 fundamental right. The state maintains a compelling interest
18 in the investigation, prosecution, and punishment of child
19 abuse and neglect as provided by general law.