

HOUSE BILL No. 2432

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to teacher training and
2 student instruction; addressing child sexual abuse; establishing Erin's
3 law.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as Erin's
7 law.

8 (b) The board of education of each school district shall adopt and
9 implement a plan to address child sexual abuse for each of its schools
10 offering any of the grades kindergarten through six. Such plan shall
11 include:

12 (1) Training and education for teachers in order to assist with teacher
13 awareness of issues regarding child sexual abuse, including knowledge of
14 likely warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual
15 abuse. Such training and education shall be provided as part of the school
16 district's existing professional development program under K.S.A. 72-9601
17 et seq., and amendments thereto; and

18 (2) age-appropriate instruction for students that is related to child
19 sexual abuse. Such instruction shall be provided for all students enrolled in
20 grades kindergarten through six. Such instruction may include, but is not
21 limited to, information on the difference between appropriate and
22 inappropriate conduct and actions that a child may take to be protected
23 from sexual abuse.

24 (c) (1) Prior to providing any instruction under subsection (b)(2),
25 each school district shall inform the parent of any student enrolled in
26 grades kindergarten through six in writing that a parent may:

27 (A) Examine and review the educational materials before the
28 materials are taught; and

29 (B) decide if the parent's child will be instructed with the educational
30 materials.

31 (2) If a parent decides that the parent's child shall not be taught using
32 such educational materials, the parent shall notify the school of the parent's
33 decision in writing.

34 (d) The state board of education shall develop materials and
35 guidelines that local boards of education may use in implementing a plan
36 to address child sexual abuse.

- 1 (e) As used in this section, a "parent" includes a guardian, custodian
- 2 or other person with authority to act on behalf of the child.
- 3 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 4 publication in the statute book.