

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2017

HOUSE BILL No. 2048

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

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

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

29 (A) ~~Examine and review the educational materials before the~~  
30 ~~materials are taught; and~~

31 (B) ~~decide if the parent's child will be instructed with the educational~~  
32 ~~materials.~~

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

36 (d) ~~The state board of education shall develop materials and~~

1 guidelines that local boards of education may use in implementing a plan  
2 to address child sexual abuse.

3 ~~(e) As used in this section, a "parent" includes a guardian, custodian~~  
4 ~~or other person with authority to act on behalf of the child. The state~~  
5 **board of education shall:**

6 **(a) Implement statewide standards that assure all public school**  
7 **teachers annually receive training and education on identifying likely**  
8 **warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse;**

9 **(b) review and consider statewide social and emotional standards**  
10 **for student education that inform students of the difference between**  
11 **appropriate and inappropriate conduct, actions a child may take to be**  
12 **protected from child sexual abuse and methods for reporting any**  
13 **instance of abuse. The review may include, but not necessarily be**  
14 **limited to:**

15 **(1) The age of the students to receive the instruction;**

16 **(2) requirements for parental notification and the ability for a**  
17 **parent to exclude a child from such instruction;**

18 **(3) best practices in instructional content and delivery methods to**  
19 **achieve desired educational outcome; and**

20 **(4) collaboration with subject matter experts and child advocates;**  
21 **and**

22 **(c) submit a report of progress and any plan or standards**  
23 **developed with regard to those items listed in subsections (a) and (b)**  
24 **by February 1, 2018, to the legislature.**

25 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
26 publication in the statute book.