

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2031

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**
19 **deems 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 (c) (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.

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