

**HOUSE BILL No. 2048**

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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Proposed Amendments to HB 2048 - Jennings  
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee  
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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 ~~(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~~

The state board of education shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.