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Overview

This bill allows school districts to provide child sexual abuse prevention instruction to students and child sexual abuse prevention training to staff. It is named Erin's Law, after similar laws that have been enacted in approximately 26 states.

Section

- 1 Required academic standards.** Allows school districts to include child sexual abuse prevention instruction in a health curriculum. Parents may review the content of instructional materials. If a parent objects to the content, the district must make reasonable arrangements for alternative instruction.
- 2 In-service training.** Encourages districts to train district staff and school board members on responding to a disclosure of child sexual abuse and complying with mandatory reporting requirements.
- 3 Grant awards.** Allows school districts and charter schools to accept funds from other sources for child sexual abuse prevention programs.
- 4 Child sexual abuse prevention education.**

Subd. 1. Purpose. States that the purpose of this section is to encourage districts to offer instruction on child sexual abuse prevention to students and training to school personnel on preventing sexual abuse and sexual violence.

Section

Subd. 2. Curriculum. Requires the commissioner of human services to identify and make available child sexual abuse prevention programs for use by school districts and charter schools.

Subd. 3. Other state programs. Identifies state activities aimed at preventing sexual violence against children.

Subd. 4. Report. Requires the commissioner of education to report by November 1, 2017, on child sexual abuse prevention programs developed and implemented by school districts and charter schools.