

SENATE BILL No. 385

By Committee on Education

1-26

1 AN ACT concerning education; establishing Erin's law; requiring school
2 districts to provide teacher training and age-appropriate student
3 instruction on the identification and reporting of signs of child sexual
4 abuse.

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

7 Section 1. (a) Beginning in school year 2026-2027, each board of
8 education of a school district shall provide an annual training program on
9 child sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention to all
10 teachers of the school district. The training program required by this
11 subsection shall include:

12 (1) Actions that a teacher may or shall take to prevent and report
13 child sexual abuse and sexual assault;

14 (2) how to identify signs of child sexual abuse and sexual assault; and

15 (3) information on sexual abuse and sexual assault resources and
16 supports.

17 (b) Beginning in school year 2026-2027, each board of education of a
18 school district shall provide a program of instruction on child sexual abuse
19 and sexual assault awareness and prevention to all students enrolled in and
20 attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 of the school
21 district. The program of instruction required by this subsection shall
22 include:

23 (1) Age-appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and sexual assault
24 awareness and prevention;

25 (2) actions that a child may take to prevent and report sexual abuse or
26 sexual assault;

27 (3) a procedure that allows the parent or guardian of a student to opt
28 the student out of such instruction; and

29 (4) information on sexual abuse and sexual assault resources and
30 supports.

31 (c) The training and instruction required by this section may be
32 developed or provided by a child advocacy center, the no-cost Erin's law
33 foundation curriculum or other resources deemed appropriate by the board
34 of education of the school district.

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