AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to teacher training and student instruction; addressing child sexual abuse; establishing Erin's law.

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

Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as Erin's law.

(b) The board of education of each school district shall adopt and implement a plan to address child sexual abuse for each of its schools offering any of the grades kindergarten through six. Such plan shall include:

(1) Training and education for teachers in order to assist with teacher awareness of issues regarding child sexual abuse, including knowledge of likely warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse. Such training and education shall be provided as part of the school district's existing professional development program under K.S.A. 72-9601 et seq., and amendments thereto; and

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

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

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

(B) Decide if the parent's child will be instructed with the educational materials.

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

(d) The state board of education shall develop materials and guidelines that local boards of education may use in implementing a plan to address child sexual abuse.
(e) As used in this section, a "parent" includes a guardian, custodian or other person with authority to act on behalf of the child.

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