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) Evidence-based 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 may be
provided to other district employees and volunteers as the district deems
appropriate; and

(2) Evidence-based, 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:

(e) (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. 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 subsections (a) and (b) by February 1, 2018, to the legislature.

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