

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 10-23.13 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-23.13)

7 Sec. 10-23.13. Policies addressing sexual abuse.

8 (a) In this Section, "evidence-informed" refers to
9 modalities that were created utilizing components of
10 evidence-based treatments or curriculums.

11 (b) To adopt and implement, by no later than July 1, 2022,
12 a policy addressing sexual abuse of children that shall ~~may~~
13 include an age-appropriate and evidence-informed curriculum
14 for students in pre-K through 12th ~~5th~~ grade;
15 evidence-informed training for school personnel on child
16 sexual abuse; evidence-informed educational information to
17 parents or guardians provided in the school handbook on the
18 warning signs of a child being abused, along with any needed
19 assistance, referral, or resource information; available
20 counseling and resources for students affected by sexual
21 abuse; and emotional and educational support for a child ~~of~~
22 ~~abuse~~ to continue to be successful in school. A school
23 district shall include in its policy and all training

1 materials and instruction a definition of prohibited grooming
2 behaviors and boundary violations for school personnel and how
3 to report these behaviors.

4 Any policy adopted under this Section shall ~~may~~ address
5 without limitation:

6 (1) methods for increasing school personnel ~~teacher,~~
7 student, and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual
8 abuse of children, including awareness and knowledge of
9 likely warning signs indicating that a child may be a
10 victim of sexual abuse, awareness and knowledge of
11 grooming behaviors and how to report those behaviors,
12 awareness of appropriate relationships between school
13 personnel and students based on State law, and how to
14 prevent child abuse from happening, including, but not
15 limited to, methods outlined in State law regarding
16 personal health and safety education for students;

17 (1.5) evidence-informed training for school personnel
18 on preventing, recognizing, reporting, and responding to
19 child sexual abuse and grooming behavior, including when
20 the grooming or abuse is committed by a member of the
21 school community, with a discussion of the criminal
22 statutes addressing sexual conduct between school
23 personnel and students, professional conduct, and
24 reporting requirements, including, but not limited to,
25 training as outlined in Section 10-22.39 and Section 3-11;

26 (2) options ~~actions~~ that a student ~~child~~ who is a

1 victim of sexual abuse has ~~should take~~ to obtain
2 assistance and intervention; ~~and~~

3 (3) available counseling options for students affected
4 by sexual abuse; ~~and~~

5 (4) methods for educating school personnel, students,
6 and staff on how to report child abuse to law enforcement
7 authorities and to the Department of Children and Family
8 Services and how to report grooming behaviors, including
9 when the grooming or abuse is committed by a member of the
10 school community; and

11 (5) education and information about children's
12 advocacy centers and sexual assault crisis centers and
13 information about how to access a children's advocacy
14 center or sexual assault crisis center serving the
15 district.

16 (c) A school district must provide training for school
17 personnel on child sexual abuse as described in paragraph
18 (1.5) of subsection (b) no later than January 31 of each year.

19 (d) This Section may be referred to as Erin's Law.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-1524, eff. 2-14-11.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.