

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:

9 "Evidence-informed" refers to modalities that were created
10 utilizing components of evidence-based treatments or
11 curriculums.

12 "Grooming" means conduct prohibited under Section 11-25 of
13 the Criminal Code of 2012.

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

1 abuse; and emotional and educational support for a child ~~of~~
2 ~~abuse~~ to continue to be successful in school. A school
3 district shall include in its policy and all training
4 materials and instruction a definition of prohibited grooming
5 behaviors and boundary violations for school personnel and how
6 to report these behaviors.

7 Any policy adopted under this Section shall ~~may~~ address
8 without limitation:

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

20 (1.5) evidence-informed training for school personnel
21 on preventing, recognizing, reporting, and responding to
22 child sexual abuse and grooming behavior, including when
23 the grooming or abuse is committed by a member of the
24 school community, with a discussion of the criminal
25 statutes addressing sexual conduct between school
26 personnel and students, professional conduct, and

1 reporting requirements, including, but not limited to,
2 training as outlined in Section 10-22.39 and Section 3-11;

3 (2) options ~~actions~~ that a student child who is a
4 victim of sexual abuse has ~~should take~~ to obtain
5 assistance and intervention; ~~and~~

6 (3) available counseling options for students affected
7 by sexual abuse;;

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

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

19 (c) A school district must provide training for school
20 personnel on child sexual abuse as described in paragraph
21 (1.5) of subsection (b) no later than January 31 of each year.

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

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

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.