

1 AN ACT relating to prevention-oriented child abuse awareness instruction.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Starting with the 2022-2023 school year, a local superintendent shall adopt a*
6 *curriculum for annual child abuse awareness and prevention instruction for all*
7 *students in kindergarten through grade twelve (12) that may be integrated into*
8 *relevant existing curriculum and shall:*

9 *(a) Include age-appropriate and evidence-based instruction on child physical,*
10 *sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect awareness and prevention;*

11 *(b) Include instruction on how to report suspected child abuse and neglect;*

12 *(c) Be taught by a school counselor, school safety specialist, or other individual*
13 *with training and expertise in child abuse and neglect awareness and*
14 *prevention; and*

15 *(d) Be approved by the department in accordance with subsection (2) of this*
16 *section.*

17 *(2) A description of curriculum for the child abuse awareness and prevention*
18 *instruction adopted in accordance with subsection (1) of this section shall be*
19 *made available for review by parents and guardians on the school Web site, and*
20 *in print upon request, at least two (2) weeks prior to the instruction.*

21 *(3) The department, with assistance from the Department for Community Based*
22 *Services and other appropriate agencies, shall:*

23 *(a) Develop and maintain a list of approved curricula for child abuse*
24 *awareness and prevention instruction that include age-appropriate and*
25 *evidence-based instruction on child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse*
26 *and neglect awareness and prevention; and*

27 *(b) Provide technical assistance to districts that request assistance with the*

1 *adoption and implementation of the curriculum, including but not limited*
2 *to the timely review of a curriculum proposed by a district.*

3 ➔Section 2. This Act may be cited as Erin's Law.