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LEGISLATIVE BILL 303

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child sexual abuse; to authorize schools to
- 2 adopt a child sexual abuse policy as prescribed.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that students in
2 grades kindergarten through twelve have a right to study and learn in a
3 safe, supportive environment that is free from sexual abuse. The
4 Legislature finds and declares that a policy to create a better
5 understanding of, awareness of, and response to child sexual abuse should
6 be considered for adoption by each school in this state.

7 Sec. 2. (1) A school that adopts a child sexual abuse policy shall
8 adopt a policy that is age-appropriate for its students.

9 (2) A child sexual abuse policy shall include, but not be limited
10 to, defining child sexual abuse as any sexually oriented act, practice,
11 contact, or interaction in which the child is or has been used for the
12 sexual stimulation of a parent, the child, or other person and
13 recognizing child sexual abuse warning signs, both from the victim and
14 the perpetrator.

15 Sec. 3. (1) On or before July 1, 2016, the State Department of
16 Education shall develop a model child sexual abuse policy to assist
17 schools in developing policies regarding child sexual abuse if schools
18 elect to adopt such a policy.

19 (2) If a child sexual abuse policy is adopted by a school, the
20 policy shall be published in any school handbook, manual, or similar
21 publication that sets forth the rules, procedures, and other policies of
22 the school. The policy shall also be presented to students in the form of
23 an age-appropriate educational program or school assembly.

24 (3) If a child sexual abuse policy is adopted by a school, the
25 school shall provide child sexual abuse training to staff deemed
26 appropriate by the school administration. The child sexual abuse policy
27 training shall include, but not be limited to, those elements set forth
28 in subsection (2) of section 2 of this act. In the interests of
29 efficiency and economy, the child sexual abuse policy training may also
30 be provided by any school district or combination of school districts, an
31 educational service unit, or any combination of educational service

1 units. Nothing in this section or in a school's child sexual abuse policy
2 shall be construed to affect the duty of school personnel or any other
3 individual to make a mandatory report under section 28-711.