

ENROLLED ACT NO. 67, SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
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AN ACT relating to education; authorizing a school district to provide instruction to students and to take other specified actions relating to child sexual abuse education prevention and response; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-133 and 21-9-104 are created to read:

21-3-133. Child sexual abuse education, prevention and response.

(a) A school district that has not already taken similar action is authorized to take the following actions relating to child sexual abuse education, prevention and response:

(i) Provide parents with information on the warning signs of child sexual abuse and any available resources for education, prevention and response;

(ii) Provide training to teachers and other school district employees, including:

(A) Instructional methods relating to the provisions of W.S. 21-9-104;

(B) Child abuse or neglect reporting requirements specified in W.S. 14-3-205;

(C) Methods to respond to a student's disclosure of sexual abuse in a supportive and appropriate manner.

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(iii) Consult with federal, state and local entities and community based organizations, including the child welfare information gateway internet website maintained by the United States department of health and human services, to identify evidence based tools and programs to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse;

(iv) Develop community based strategies to promote education, collaboration and accountability among persons and entities who are responsible for child sexual abuse education, prevention and response, including parents and guardians, law enforcement, judicial officers, health care providers and other members of the community;

(v) Coordinate with the local child protection team in accordance with W.S. 14-3-212(b)(ii);

(vi) Accept funds from private and public sources for programs relating to this section.

21-9-104. Child sexual abuse prevention instruction.

(a) A school district may include child sexual abuse prevention instruction in a health and safety program required under W.S. 21-9-101(b)(i)(G). A school district may provide instruction under this subsection in any appropriate manner, which may include age appropriate, evidence based instruction on:

- (i) Recognizing sexual abuse and assault;
- (ii) Personal boundary violations;

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(iii) Ways in which a sexual offender may groom or desensitize a victim;

(iv) Strategies relating to:

(A) Disclosure of child sexual abuse;

(B) Reducing self blame;

(C) Mobilizing bystanders to respond to child sexual abuse.

(b) If a school district chooses to provide instruction under subsection (a) of this section, the parent or legal guardian of a student shall provide written permission to the school district authorizing their student to participate before that student shall be allowed to participate in the instruction.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk