

SENATE FILE NO. SF0093

Child sexual abuse education and prevention.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Coe, Ellis, Hastert, Nethercott, Pappas and Von Flatern and Representative(s) Barlow, Connolly, Freeman, Sommers and Zwonitzer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; authorizing a school district
2 to provide instruction to students and to take other
3 specified actions relating to child sexual abuse education
4 prevention and response; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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

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

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12 **21-3-133. Child sexual abuse education, prevention**
13 **and response.**

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1 (a) A school district is authorized to take the
2 following actions relating to child sexual abuse education,
3 prevention and response:

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

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

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

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

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

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22 (iii) Consult with federal, state and local
23 entities and community based organizations, including the

1 child welfare information gateway internet website
2 maintained by the United States department of health and
3 human services, to identify evidence based tools and
4 programs to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse;

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

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

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16 **21-9-104. Child sexual abuse prevention instruction.**

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18 (a) This section may be cited as "Erin's Law."

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20 (b) A school district may include child sexual abuse
21 prevention instruction in a health and safety program
22 required under W.S. 21-9-101(b)(i)(G). A school district
23 may provide instruction under this subsection in any

1 appropriate manner, which may include age appropriate,
2 evidence based instruction on:

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4 (i) Recognizing sexual abuse and assault;

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6 (ii) Personal boundary violations;

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

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11 (iv) Strategies relating to:

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13 (A) Disclosure of child sexual abuse;

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15 (B) Reducing self blame;

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

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20 (c) If instruction is provided by a school district
21 under subsection (b) of this section, the district shall
22 develop evaluation components which can be used to measure
23 the effectiveness of the instruction.

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

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