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A BILL

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

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

9 (2) A child sexual abuse policy shall include, but not be
10 limited to, defining child sexual abuse, which may consider
11 situations outside the statutory definitions regarding child sexual
12 abuse, and recognizing child sexual abuse warning signs, both from
13 the victim and the perpetrator.

14 Sec. 3. (1) On or before July 1, 2014, the State
15 Department of Education shall develop a model child sexual abuse
16 policy to assist schools in developing policies regarding child
17 sexual abuse if schools elect to adopt such a policy.

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

24 (3) If a child sexual abuse policy is adopted by a
25 school, the school shall provide child sexual abuse training to staff

1 deemed appropriate by the school administration. The child sexual
2 abuse policy training shall include, but not be limited to, those
3 elements set forth in subsection (2) of section 2 of this act. In the
4 interests of efficiency and economy, the child sexual abuse policy
5 training may also be provided by any school district or combination
6 of school districts, an educational service unit, or any combination
7 of educational service units.