

Erin's Law

SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST TEACH CHILDREN TO TELL ON ANYONE WHO TRIES TO TOUCH THEIR PRIVATE PARTS



WHAT IS ERIN'S LAW?

FEATURED VIDEO: Erin Merryn on "Oprah"



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Erin's Law is named after childhood sexual assault survivor, author, speaker and activist Erin Merryn, who is the founder and President of Erin's Law, which is registered with the State of Illinois and the IRS as a 501 (c)(4) non-profit social welfare organization.

After Erin introduced the legislation in her home state of Illinois, the bill was named "Erin's Law" after her by legislators and it has caught on nationwide.

"Erin's Law" requires that all public schools in each state implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program which teaches:

1. Students in grades preK – 12th grade, age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted

adult

2. School personnel all about child sexual abuse
3. Parents & guardians the warning signs of child sexual abuse, plus needed assistance, referral or resource information to support sexually abused children and their families



Already these state governments have passed Erin's Law in this order:

1. Illinois
2. Indiana
3. Maine
4. Missouri
5. Michigan
6. Arkansas
7. Mississippi
8. Nevada
9. New Mexico
10. Utah
11. Tennessee
12. New Hampshire
13. Connecticut
14. Louisiana
15. South Carolina
16. Vermont
17. Pennsylvania
18. Rhode Island
19. California

It is now pending in these additional states, with more to come:

1. Delaware
2. Georgia
3. Hawaii
4. Iowa
5. Kansas
6. Massachusetts
7. Minnesota
8. Nebraska
9. New York
10. Ohio
11. Oklahoma

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