

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 216(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention efforts in**
2 **public schools; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as Erin's Law.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Article 6A. Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention.**

9 **Sec. 14.30.355. Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention.**

10 (a) The governing body of each school district shall adopt and implement a policy,
11 establish a mandatory training program for employees and students enrolled in grades
12 kindergarten through 12, and provide publications relating to sexual abuse and sexual
13 assault awareness and prevention to parents, students, and staff.

14 (b) The policy, training, and publications under this section must include

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- (1) age-appropriate information;
- (2) warning signs of sexual abuse of a child;
- (3) referral and resource information;
- (4) available student counseling and educational support;
- (5) methods for increasing teacher, student, and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children;
- (6) actions that a child may take to prevent and report sexual abuse or sexual assault.

(c) The training required in this section may be provided with the continuing education required for public school employees under AS 18.66.310.

(d) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

*** Sec. 3.** AS 18.66.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) When providing the continuing education required under (a) of this section, an employer of public school employees may also provide the training and information required under AS 14.30.355.

*** Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2016.