

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE; ~~REQUIRING ENCOURAGING~~ THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ~~AND TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS~~ POLICIES RELATED TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE; ~~PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT CHOOSE TO USE THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS; ALLOWING PARENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MATERIALS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR CHILDREN;~~ AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Child sexual abuse awareness and prevention education programs.**

(1) The office of public instruction, ~~in collaboration with the department of public health and human services and organizations with expertise in child sexual abuse awareness and training;~~ shall IS ENCOURAGED TO develop and maintain:

- ~~_____ (a) evidence-based model educational materials on child sexual abuse prevention; and~~
- ~~_____ (b) model school district policies and procedures for child sexual abuse AWARENESS, PREVENTION, response, and reporting.~~

(2) ~~No later than July 1, 2018, the THE office of public instruction shall make the ANY materials and models available to assist elementary school districts with the implementation of:~~

- ~~_____ (a) child sexual abuse education programs; and~~
- ~~_____ (b) child sexual abuse response and reporting policies.~~
- ~~_____ (3) The model educational materials developed under subsection (1)(a) may include the following topics:~~
 - ~~_____ (a) warning signs of a child who is being sexually abused;~~
 - ~~_____ (b) basic principles of child sexual abuse prevention; and~~
 - ~~_____ (c) methods of student, teacher, and parental education and outreach MODEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES~~

DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTARY ADOPTION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES.

~~(4)~~(3) The ANY model policies and procedures developed under subsection (1)~~(b)~~ may include the following topics:



