



AN ACT INCREASING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE; ENCOURAGING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS POLICIES RELATED TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Child sexual abuse awareness and prevention. (1) The office of public instruction is encouraged to develop and maintain model school district policies and procedures for child sexual abuse awareness, prevention, response, and reporting.

(2) The office of public instruction shall make any model policies and procedures developed under subsection (1) available for voluntary adoption by school district trustees.

(3) Any model policies and procedures developed under subsection (1) may include the following topics:

- (a) basic principles of child sexual abuse prevention;
- (b) warning signs of a child who is being sexually abused;
- (c) actions that a child who is a victim of sexual abuse may take to obtain assistance;
- (d) counseling options;
- (e) educational support available for a child who is a victim of sexual abuse to enable the child to develop the child's full educational potential; and
- (f) response and reporting procedures.

Section 2. Implementation. The office of public instruction shall implement [this act] within existing resources.

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 7, part 13, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 7, part 13, apply to [section 1].

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0298, originated in the House.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2017.

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

INTRODUCED BY E. GREEF

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