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LEGISLATIVE BILL 281

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require child sexual abuse
- 2 prevention instructional programs for students and staff.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds and declares that when a child
2 is a victim of sexual abuse, his or her ability to learn suffers. The
3 Legislature further finds that at least thirty-seven states in the United
4 States have instituted preventative education programs to help reduce the
5 risk of child sexual abuse.

6 (2) Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that each school
7 district shall adopt a child sexual abuse prevention instructional
8 program for students in kindergarten through grade five for
9 implementation beginning in school year 2022-23.

10 (3) School districts shall include in the program:

11 (a) A minimum of four instructional sessions per school year, with
12 each year's instruction building on the previous year's instruction;

13 (b) Age-appropriate curriculum, including role-playing, discussion,
14 activities, and books to educate students regarding body safety that
15 includes child sexual abuse prevention;

16 (c) Instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to
17 communicate incidents of potential and actual sexual abuse;

18 (d) Instruction regarding safe touch, unsafe touch, safe secrets,
19 and unsafe secrets and how to escape and report a sexual abuse situation;

20 (e) Techniques to recognize child sexual abuse, skills to reduce
21 vulnerability, and encouragement to report child sexual abuse;

22 (f) A professional training component for administrators, teachers,
23 and other school personnel regarding communicating child sexual abuse
24 prevention techniques to students, effects of child sexual abuse on
25 children, receiving child sexual abuse reports and disclosures, and
26 mandated reporting; and

27 (g) A parental involvement component to inform parents about
28 preventative child sexual abuse topics, including characteristics of
29 offenders, grooming behaviors, and how to discuss child sexual abuse
30 prevention with children.

31 (4) Funding for curriculum to implement subsections (1) and (2) of

1 this section shall be from money available under the federal Every
2 Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. 6301, as the act existed on January 1,
3 2021.

4 (5) Each school district shall review its preventative education
5 program every two years and preserve a report of its findings.