

SENATE BILL No. 436

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26-5-38; IC 31-33-26-19.

Synopsis: Child abuse education and reporting. Requires a school to adopt a policy concerning child abuse education and training. Requires the department of child services to create an annual report of the total number of substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect received over the previous year, with numbers broken down into certain categories.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.



First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-38 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2017]: **Sec. 38. (a) A school corporation, including a charter**
- 4 **school and an accredited nonpublic school, shall adopt and**
- 5 **implement a policy concerning child abuse, including child sexual**
- 6 **abuse. A policy adopted under this section must include the**
- 7 **following:**
- 8 (1) **An age appropriate program that provides educational**
- 9 **information for elementary school students and high school**
- 10 **students, including:**
- 11 (A) **counseling and referral resources available to students;**
- 12 **and**
- 13 (B) **educational support information for a child who is a**
- 14 **victim of abuse or sexual abuse.**
- 15 (2) **Training for school employees:**
- 16 (A) **to increase awareness of required reporting duties and**
- 17 **procedures; and**



- 1 **(B) to increase knowledge of likely warning signs**
2 **indicating that a child may be a victim of child abuse or**
3 **child sexual abuse.**
- 4 **(3) Educational information in the school handbook on the**
5 **warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of child**
6 **abuse or child sexual abuse, and obtaining assistance and**
7 **intervention.**
- 8 **(b) A policy described in subsection (a) must incorporate**
9 **materials identified and developed by the department under**
10 **IC 20-19-3-11.**
- 11 SECTION 2. IC 31-33-26-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
12 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 19. By August 1 of each year, the**
14 **department shall post a report on the department's Internet web**
15 **site that contains information concerning the number of**
16 **substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect received over the**
17 **previous year. The report may not include any information**
18 **allowing any individual or victim to be identified. The report must**
19 **include the number of substantiated reports broken down into the**
20 **following categories:**
- 21 **(1) Total number of substantiated reports.**
22 **(2) Number of substantiated reports by type (abuse or**
23 **neglect).**
24 **(3) Number of substantiated reports by age of a child victim.**
25 **(4) Number of substantiated reports by gender of a child**
26 **victim.**

