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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice

State Superintendent of Education

RE: Erin's Law Requirements

On June 11, 2015, Governor Robert Bentley signed the enactment of Erin's Law (Act 2015-456). Erin's Law requires local school boards to adopt guidelines for a child sexual abuse prevention instructional policy, training for Grades K-12 educators on recognizing and avoiding child sexual abuse, and an age-appropriate curriculum in public schools on child sexual abuse prevention education.

The following is a link to the Governor's Task Force recommendations for your information: http://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/2016/01/governor-bentley-meets-leadership-governors-task-force-prevention-sexual-abuse-children-discuss-recommendations/.

Please review the recommendations closely as you create your local guidelines for a child sexual abuse prevention curriculum.

If you have any further questions, you may contact Dr. Marilyn Lewis, Prevention and Support Services Section, at 334-242-8165 or by e-mail at mlewis@alsde.edu.

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