



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Instructional Leaders

**FROM:** Dr. Anne Pressley, Director  
Office of Standards and Learning

**DATE:** July 25, 2016

**RE:** Erin's Law

Section 59-32-20(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws was amended June 2014 (H.4061, Act 293) to read that the State Board of Education through the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) shall support districts in providing age-appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention to all students in four-year-old kindergarten, where offered, through twelfth grade as referenced in the excerpt below.

Select or develop instructional units in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention, with separate units appropriate for each age level from four-year-old kindergarten through twelfth grade; and to amend section 59-32-30, relating to the requirement that local school districts implement the comprehensive health education program, among other things, so as to provide that beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the districts annually shall provide age-appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention to all students in four-year-old kindergarten, where offered, through twelfth grade.

To support age-appropriate instruction that is prescriptive to the needs of individual districts, the SCDE, through the Office of Standards and Learning, has made available a comprehensive list of both community-based, direct-service providers and programs related to instruction on sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention offered around the state. This list of resources can be accessed via <http://goo.gl/5YVtvd> and <http://goo.gl/jUwUIW>. Additionally, districts can access resources and lessons available via <http://goo.gl/r3m40Z>. The SCDE encourages districts to work with their community partners and local health advisory committees required by section 59-32-30(B) in the selection process of instructional materials.

If you have questions regarding Erin's Law, please contact Dr. Anne Pressley via [apressley@ed.sc.gov](mailto:apressley@ed.sc.gov) or (803) 734-8574.