

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Instructional Leaders  
District Health & Physical Education Coordinators

**FROM:** Kristi Austin, Ph.D.  
Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

**DATE:** February 4, 2025

**RE:** Updated Erin's Law Resources

Section 59-32-20(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws was amended in 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 keep the list of resources up to date and relevant, a committee was tasked with reviewing instructional resources for sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention for completeness and developmental appropriateness. The committee identified several programs as appropriate for providing this instruction in South Carolina Schools. A list of these programs can be accessed on the [Instructional Resources](#) page of the [SCDE Health Education Website](#).

If you have questions regarding Erin's Law, please contact Dr. Ben Miedema at [bjmiedema@ed.sc.gov](mailto:bjmiedema@ed.sc.gov) or (803)734-4533.