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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ASSESS AND REPORT TO
THE LEGISLATURE WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT EXISTING
CURRICULUM AND TRAINING ALIGN WITH ERIN'S LAW.

1 WHEREAS, Erin's Law is an Illinois state law that was
2 originally adopted and, as of July 2019, has been adopted in
3 thirty-seven states; and
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5 WHEREAS, Erin's Law requires public schools to implement a
6 prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program that teaches:
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8 (1) Students age-appropriate techniques to recognize child
9 sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult;
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11 (2) School personnel about child sex abuse; and
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13 (3) Parents and guardians about the warning signs of child
14 sexual abuse, plus needed assistance, referral, or
15 resource information to support sexually abused
16 children and their families; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Education currently provides
19 curricula and training programs related to preventing,
20 recognizing, and responding to instances of child sexual abuse;
21 however, it is unclear whether and to what extent the existing
22 curriculum and programs align with the requirements of Erin's
23 Law; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
27 that the Department of Education is requested to assess whether
28 and to what extent the Department's existing child sexual abuse
29 curriculum and training programs align with the requirements of
30 Erin's Law; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
33 requested to submit a report of its findings and
34 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



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1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2023; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is
5 requested to work with advocacy groups, including but not
6 limited to the Sex Abuse Treatment Center and Parents and
7 Children Together, in its review and assessment of Erin's law,
8 and in preparing its report to the Legislature; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY: Michelle Solari

