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SUMMARY

- Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to provide annual age-appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention for grades kindergarten through six.
- Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to include age-appropriate instruction in sexual violence prevention education for grades seven through twelve.
- Requires the Department of Education to provide on its website links to free curricula addressing sexual violence prevention to assist schools in developing their curricula.
- Requires each school district, educational service center, community school, and STEM school to incorporate training on child sexual abuse into its required in-service training for teachers and other professionals.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Instruction in child sexual abuse prevention and sexual violence prevention

The bill requires school districts, community schools, and STEM schools to provide both (1) annual age-appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention for students in grades kindergarten through six and (2) age-appropriate instruction in sexual violence prevention education for students in grades seven through twelve. In the case of a school district, instruction in either must be part of the district's general health curriculum.¹

¹ R.C. 3313.60(A)(5)(d) and (f), 3314.0310(A), and 3326.091(A).

The bill further provides that instruction in child sexual abuse prevention must include information on available counseling and resources for children who are sexually abused.

Regarding sexual violence prevention education, the bill provides that, if the parent or legal guardian of a student less than 18 years of age submits to the school's principal a written request to examine the instruction materials used at that school, the principal, within a reasonable period of time, must allow the parent or guardian to examine those materials at that school.

Finally, the bill requires the Department of Education to provide on its website links to free curricula addressing sexual violence prevention in order to assist schools in developing their own curricula.²

In-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

The bill requires each school district, educational service center, community school, and STEM school to incorporate training on child sexual abuse into its required in-service training for teachers, nurses, counselors, school psychologists, and administrators. This training must count toward the satisfaction of requirements for professional development required by the district, service center, or school.³

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3313.60(A)(5)(f).

³ R.C. 3319.073(E). This section applies to community schools and STEM schools through references in R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(d) and 3326.11, neither in the bill.