

## Mandatory Reporting – Erin’s law

Governor Robert Bentley signed Erin’s Law (Act 2015-456) on June 11, 2015, which requires all K-12 public schools to establish a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program for students in Grades K-12 that includes at least four developmentally appropriate lessons building on skills learned in the previous years.

Q & A

Q: Will this be a program provided by the Alabama State Department of Education?

A: No. Each LEA is responsible for developing their own program or they can use any of the programs listed below. These programs are recommended by the Erin’s Law Task Force for immediate implementation.

❖ **The Mobile County Public Schools Child Personal Safety Curriculum – online**

Offered in grades k/1/3/5/7/10 (taught by counselors in elementary, physical education in middle school and health in high school)

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❖ **SCAN – National Children Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Madison County**

Offered in grades 3/5/7 (taught by staff and college interns and volunteers, outcome-based testing)

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Q: Is there a list of training resources for LEAs to satisfy the staff training component of the law?

A: Your central office staff can review the on-line presentation provided by The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) and determine its alignment to the Act.  
<http://training.dhr.alabama.gov/>

Q: Is the staff required to register before taking the on-line training?

A: Employees will have to register at the web site below before completing the training.  
[http://dhr.alabama.gov/services/Child\\_Protective\\_Services/WrittenReport\\_MandatoryReporters.aspx](http://dhr.alabama.gov/services/Child_Protective_Services/WrittenReport_MandatoryReporters.aspx).

Q: When should the staff be trained?

A: The Erin's Law Task Force recommends at the beginning of each school year as part of each local school system's in-service, a program on Mandatory Reporting be provided.

Q: Where do we document the implementation of the staff training?

A: Enter the information into the Virtual AL School Safety System. Additionally, maintain a sign-in sheet of trainings carried out by each local LEA.

Q: Are we required to form a Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force at the local level?

A: The Erin's Law Task Force recommends the creation of a County Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force that will develop a coordinated effort at the local level to support recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children. The County Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task force should develop a child sexual abuse prevention and response protocol based on the needs at the local level and will also generate a report no later than December 31, 2016 to the Governor's Task Force on Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children.

Q: Can we have a copy of the law?

A: Here is the link to the information in the MEMO that was shared on January 22, 2016 on Erin's Law.

<http://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2016/01/Governors-Report-Erins-Law-UPDATED-12-31.pdf>