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A Bill

SENATE BILL 527

5 By: Senator J. Dismang
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE IN-
9 SERVICE TRAINING TO LICENSED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE
10 *SIGNS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND OTHER FORMS OF CHILD*
11 *MALTREATMENT AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS*
12 *OF CHILD MALTREATMENT; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS CHILD*
13 *ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION TO APPROVE*
14 *THE TRAINING CURRICULUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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18 *TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE*
19 *IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO LICENSED SCHOOL*
20 *PERSONNEL CONCERNING CHILD MALTREATMENT.*

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-133 is amended to read as follows:*

26 *6-61-133. Training for mandatory reporters and licensed elementary and*
27 *secondary public school personnel.*

28 *(a) As used in this section:*

29 *(1) "Child maltreatment" means the abuse, sexual abuse, neglect,*
30 *sexual exploitation, or abandonment of a child under the Child Maltreatment*
31 *Act, § 12-18-101 et seq.; and*

32 *(2) "Licensed school personnel" means a person who works with*
33 *students in an elementary or secondary public school, a public charter*
34 *school, a school district, or an education service cooperative for whom a*
35 *license issued by the State Board of Education is a condition of employment,*
36 *including without limitation a:*



1 (A) School or school district administrator;

2 (B) Teacher;

3 (C) Coach for a school athletics program;

4 (D) School counselor;

5 (E) School social worker;

6 (F) School psychologist; and

7 (G) School nurse.

8 (b) For each degree program at an institution of higher learning
 9 education in this state that is a prerequisite for licensure or certification
 10 in a profession in which the professional is a child maltreatment mandated
 11 reporter under the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-101 et seq., the
 12 Department of Higher Education shall coordinate with all the institutions of
 13 higher education institutions to ensure that before receiving a degree, each
 14 graduate receives, including without limitation, the training identified in
 15 subdivision (d)(1) of this section ~~in~~.

16 (c) Licensed school personnel shall obtain the training identified in
 17 subsection (d) of this section within twelve (12) months of:

18 (1) The individual's initial licensure; and

19 (2) All subsequent renewals of the individual's license.

20 (d)(1) The training required under this section shall include without
 21 limitation:

22 ~~(1)(A)~~ Recognizing the signs and symptoms of child abuse and
 23 neglect maltreatment;

24 ~~(2)(B)~~ The legal requirements of the Child Maltreatment Act, §
 25 12-18-101 et seq., and the duties of mandated reporters under the act; and

26 ~~(3)(C)~~ Methods for managing disclosures regarding child victims.

27 (2) In addition to the training required under subdivision
 28 (d)(1) of this section, licensed school personnel shall obtain training in
 29 connecting a victim of child maltreatment to appropriate in-school services
 30 and other agencies, programs, and services needed to provide the child with
 31 the emotional and educational support the child needs to continue to be
 32 successful in school.

33 (e)(1) The training obtained by licensed school personnel may be
 34 obtained as in-person or online training.

35 (2) The Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission
 36 shall approve the curriculum for the training.

1 (3) Licensed school personnel shall document completed training
2 according to the rules of the State Board of Education.

3 (f) Licensed school personnel may substitute for the required number
4 of hours of staff development on parental involvement plans under § 6-15-1703
5 an equal number of hours of training obtained under this section.

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7 /s/J. Dismang

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