



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Districts Instructional Leaders

**FROM:** David M. Mathis  
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**DATE:** May 19, 2020

**RE:** Instructional Delivery of Erin's Law during School Closure

Section 59-32-20 requires instruction in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention, with separate units appropriate for each age level from four-year-old kindergarten through twelfth grade, which is often referred to as Erin's Law. The purpose of the memorandum is to provide guidance to schools that were not able to provide this instruction prior to the school closure.

Understanding the challenges and sensitive nature of delivering remote instruction related to this legislative mandate, schools, to the extent possible, should communicate the contact information noted below to students should they have questions or concerns about sexual abuse and assault. School districts can determine the most appropriate outlets of communicating the information to include but not limited to posting on school or district websites, newsletters, or direct communication.

Contact Information: South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS), 1-888-CARE4US (888-227-3487).

Should you have questions about the instructional delivery of Erin's Law, please contact Dr. Anne Pressley, Director, Office of Standards and Learning, at [apressley@ed.sc.gov](mailto:apressley@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-8574.

Should you have questions about Erin's Law from a school counseling perspective, please contact Sherrie Beaver, School Counseling Personnel Liaison, at [sabeaver@ed.sc.gov](mailto:sabeaver@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-6267.