



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Laura Bayne
Deputy Superintendent for Strategic Engagement

DATE: August 29, 2023

RE: Gavin's Law Implementation Requirements

Per the requirements of Gavin's Law, Act 54 of 2023, local school districts shall collaborate with the State Department of Education, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and the Attorney General's office, as appropriate, to implement a policy to educate and notify students of the provisions of Gavin's Law. This includes adequate notice to students, parents or guardians, the public, and school personnel of the change in law.

It is the Department's recommendation that school districts incorporate the requirements of Gavin's Law into the Erin's Law curriculum and give age-appropriate instruction on the dangers and consequences of sexual extortion to satisfy the requirements for student notification. It is also recommended that each district post their policy on their website for full visibility.

Regarding the notification to parents or guardians, the public and school personnel, the Department recommends using the district's preferred notification method to inform the aforementioned groups of the change in law.

The State Department of Education is required to issue a report on the districts' adoption and implementation of Gavin's Law by July 1 of each year. To satisfy this reporting requirement during this year of implementation, please complete this form once all elements of the law have been enacted.