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Assembly Bill 977 requires school districts to provide human trafficking prevention instruction to students in 7th to 12th grades based on Department of Public Instruction (DPI) model curriculum and instructional materials. The bill also obligates school boards to require every full-time school district employee required to hold a DPI license or permit to receive DPI training on identifying children who are victims of human trafficking every five years.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 requires DPI to maintain a list of age-appropriate, recommended training courses for recognizing, reporting, and preventing human trafficking for students in 6th to 12th grades, rather than requiring DPI to develop its own model curriculum and instructional materials.

The substitute amendment also requires that information on identifying victims of human trafficking be included within the DPI training on mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect that is already required for all school employees under current law, rather than requiring a separate training.

Finally, the substitute amendment requires public schools to provide instruction on human trafficking prevention to students as part of the health curriculum at least once in 6^{th} to 8^{th} grade, and at least once in high school, rather than requiring it each year between 7^{th} and 12^{th} grades. The instruction must be consistent with the DPI-recommended training courses.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives O'Connor and Stubbs on February 9, 2024. On February 13, 2024, the Assembly Committee on Education adopted the amendment and passed the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's <u>bill history page</u>.

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