

**Amendment - 1st Reading-white - Requested by: Mike Yakawich - (S) Highways and Transportation**

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SENATE BILL NO. 245

INTRODUCED BY M. YAKAWICH, M. DUNWELL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING MATERIALS FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS; ~~REQUIRING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO COMPLETE A TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC HUMAN TRAFFICKING RECOGNITION TRAINING COURSE AS PART OF THE DRIVER QUALIFICATIONS~~; DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO MAKE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL BUS ~~DRIVER CANDIDATES DRIVERS~~ AT NO COST; ~~DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDING SCHOOL BUS DRIVER INSERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS~~; AMENDING SECTIONS SECTION 20-7-1316 ~~AND 20-10-103~~, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(Refer to Introduced Bill)

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**Section 1.** Section 20-7-1316, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-7-1316. Child sex trafficking prevention.** (1) The office of public instruction is encouraged to undertake activities to educate Montanans about and prevent child sex trafficking. Activities may include but are not limited to:

(1)(a) reviewing best practices for preventing child sex trafficking;

(2)(b) providing access to educational resources for interested parents, teachers, child-care providers, and other community members on how to prevent child sex trafficking, on the warning signs of child sex trafficking, and on predatory behaviors;

(3)(c) coordinating educational and prevention efforts with law enforcement, the department of public

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health and human services, and local organizations that work to prevent child sex trafficking; and

~~(4)(d)~~ supporting school districts in developing:

~~(a)(i)~~ policies on child sex trafficking awareness, prevention, response, and reporting; and

~~(b)(ii)~~ educational materials and curricula aimed at preventing child sex trafficking.

~~(2) The office of public instruction shall make available cost-free, transportation industry-specific training materials that school bus drivers may use to complete a training course on how to recognize and identify signs of human trafficking and how to report concerns to an appropriate authority as part of any annual training requirement. The office of public instruction shall use transportation industry-specific courses from organizations that have developed resources specifically for school bus drivers and have made these materials available to the public at no cost."~~

NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** **Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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