

1 SENATE BILL NO. 245

2 INTRODUCED BY M. YAKAWICH, M. DUNWELL

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

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

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16 (Refer to Introduced Bill)

17 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

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

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

27 (3) (c) coordinating educational and prevention efforts with law enforcement, the department of public  
28 health and human services, and local organizations that work to prevent child sex trafficking; and

1           (4) (d) supporting school districts in developing:  
2           (a) (i) policies on child sex trafficking awareness, prevention, response, and reporting; and  
3           (b) (ii) educational materials and curricula aimed at preventing child sex trafficking.  
4           (2) The office of public instruction shall make available cost-free, transportation industry-specific  
5 training materials that school bus drivers may use to complete a training course on how to recognize and  
6 identify signs of human trafficking and how to report concerns to an appropriate authority as part of any annual  
7 training requirement. The office of public instruction shall use transportation industry-specific courses from  
8 organizations that have developed resources specifically for school bus drivers and have made these materials  
9 available to the public at no cost."

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11           NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

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