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Katherine and Haley,

Attached is a backgrounder on Erin's Law, in general, and on H.4061, specifically. **In sum, the bill requires that public schools teach "sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention" from 4K through 12th grade beginning next school year.**

My analysis of H.4061, when compared to other states, is that this bill is in the middle range. Some states do less, such as creating a task force or encouraging or allowing schools to provide instruction on child sexual abuse. On the other hand, some states do more, such as requiring mandatory reporting by individuals who suspect or have knowledge that child sexual abuse has or is occurring along with stricter instructional requirements, such as continuing education training for teachers, and stricter investigation requirements, such as a specified time period of 24 hours to investigate.

Ultimately, this is a policy decision about whether we want our public schools to teach children, beginning at age four, about sexual abuse and prevention.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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