
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2242 (Davies) - Pupil safety: sextortion informational poster

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: ED. 7 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires local educational agencies (LEAs) serving students in grades 7 to 12 to display an informational poster on sextortion in a women's restroom, men's restroom, and all-gender restroom at each of its schoolsites.

Fiscal Impact: This bill could result in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund costs in the low hundreds of thousands of dollars for schools serving students in grades seven through 12, to post a sextortion information poster in their bathrooms. This estimate assumes there are about 3,000 schoolsites that would be impacted and a cost of \$50 each to design, print, and post the posters at each schoolsite.

The costs for the California Department of Education to develop and post a model template on its website are likely to be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

Background: Existing law requires the CDE to post on its website resources on teen dating violence prevention, local and national hotlines and services for youth experiencing teen dating violence, and other relevant resources for parents, guardians, and other caretakers of students.

Existing law requires each schoolsite in a school district, county office of education (COE), or charter school, serving pupils in any of grades 9 through 12, inclusive, to create a poster that notifies pupils of the applicable written policy on sexual harassment. The law requires that the poster be prominently and conspicuously displayed in each bathroom and locker at the schoolsite.

Existing law requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to create and post on the CDE website, a poster that notifies children of the appropriate telephone number to call to report child abuse or neglect. The law encourages school districts, charter schools, and private schools to post the appropriate version or versions of the poster in an area of the school where pupils frequently congregate.

Proposed Law: This bill requires LEAs, on or before the 2027-28 school year, to display at each schoolsite it maintains, for at least one men's restroom, one women's restroom, and one all-gender restroom used by pupils, a legible poster printed in English and any primary language other than English spoken by at least 15 percent of pupils enrolled at the schoolsite that is at least 12 by 18 inches in size that contains all of the following information:

1. An age-appropriate description of sextortion.

2. Contact information for local, state, and federal law enforcement for purposes of reporting and seeking assistance related to sextortion.
3. Contact information for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
4. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL), quick response (QR) code, or similar resource to identify the internet website for informational and support resources regarding online enticement, including sextortion, provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children or any federally funded successor entity.

This bill requires the CDE, on or before July 1, 2027, to develop and post on its website, a template model of the poster described in #1 above for use by LEAs.

This bill defines “sextortion” as a threat to use sexual or intimate images or videos, however obtained, to compel another person to produce sexual or intimate images or videos, engage in sexual acts, or provide anything of value

Staff Comments: Sextortion, as defined in this bill and existing statute, is the threat to use sexual or intimate images or videos, however obtained, to compel another person to produce sexual or intimate images or videos, engage in sexual acts, or provide anything of value. According to the author, “Our children are facing a digital crisis where “sextortion” and technology-facilitated harassment are devastating lives in the shadows of our schools. While existing laws mandate that sexual harassment policies stay tucked away in administrative offices, AB 2242 meets students where they are by placing life-saving information and reporting resources in the private, high-traffic areas of restrooms and locker rooms. By requiring these notices to be printed in both English and Spanish, we are ensuring that every student, regardless of their background or primary language, has the tools to identify exploitation and the courage to come forward. We must act now to transform our schools from passive observers into proactive shields against the predators who weaponize technology to target our youth.”

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