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Bill Analysis

SB 1198 requires school district boards of education to adopt a policy regarding sex trafficking and exploitation prevention and education programs for students. It requires boards of education to provide schoolwide programs to 6th through 12th grade students and staff. The bill directs the State Department of Education to develop the curriculum as a stand-alone unit that is age appropriate with an emphasis on exploitation prevention. It requires the curriculum for 9th through 12th grade students to address certain topics. The measure also directs the Department to develop and make available to public schools that serve 6th through 12th grades a stand-alone curriculum on social media and how students can protect themselves when using social media. It allows the Department to collaborate with outside organizations including law enforcement to develop the curriculum, which is to be provided at no cost to school districts. It requires the curriculum a district uses to be available for public inspection on the district's website. The bill also requires the human trafficking and social media units to be combined into a single unit. It requires districts to provide parents and legal guardians of students written notification 7 days prior to presentation of the curriculum, and it allows parents and legal guardians to opt their student out of the curriculum. It allows school district boards of education to partner with nonprofit organizations and law enforcement agencies to make relevant literature available and assist in presenting the curriculum. Additionally, the measure directs the State Department of Education to develop and make available on its website a 90-minute video that addresses sex trafficking, exploitation prevention, and social media use.

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