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TO: Superintendents

FROM: David Stegall, Deputy Superintendent of Innovation

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Session Law 2019-245 (SB 199) Education and Awareness Training Requirement

In November 2019, An Act to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and to Strengthen and Modernize Sexual Assault Laws, [S.L. 2019-245 \(SB199\)](#) was signed into law and includes training requirements for all school personnel who work directly with students specifically teachers, instructional support personnel, principals, and assistant principals. These school personnel must receive two hours of training in even-numbered years beginning in 2020. The requirement reads as follows:

“Child sexual abuse and sex trafficking training that provides education and awareness training related to child sexual abuse and sex trafficking, including, but not limited to, best practices from the field of prevention, the grooming process of sexual predators, the warning signs of sexual abuse and sex trafficking, how to intervene when sexual abuse or sex trafficking is suspected or disclosed, legal responsibilities for reporting sexual abuse and trafficking, and available resources for assistance.” [\[1\]](#)

The training may be provided by local nongovernmental organizations with expertise in these areas, local law enforcement officers, or other officers of the court at the discretion of local districts as long as it meets the above requirements. A list of organizations that can help guide you in facilitating these trainings can be [found here](#). If you have any immediate questions, please call Pachovia Lovett at (919) 807-3854 or email Pachovia.Lovett@dpi.nc.gov.

Thank you for your time and effort regarding this matter.

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