



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4353

Introduced 1/16/2024, by Rep. Tom Weber

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-95 new  
110 ILCS 205/9.43 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that each school district, charter school, or alternative school or any school receiving public funds must develop a suicide contact tracing and intervention program in the event of an apparent suicide of a student to help direct resources to students who are close contacts to a deceased student. Provides that the program shall interview close contacts to determine if any external factors may be connected to the apparent suicide of a student and if the factors are affecting other students who are close contacts. Provides that each school district, charter school, or alternative school or any school receiving public funds must ensure that counseling services are always available to students. Provides that counseling services may be provided either in person at the school building or in a virtual format. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board shall require each public institution of higher education to develop a suicide contact tracing and intervention program in the event of an apparent suicide of a student to help direct resources to students who are close contacts to a deceased student. Provides that the program shall interview close contacts to determine if any external factors may be connected to the apparent suicide of a student and if the factors are affecting other students who are close contacts.

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STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 22-95 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-95 new)

7 Sec. 22-95. Suicide prevention.

8 (a) Each school district, charter school, or alternative  
9 school or any school receiving public funds must develop a  
10 suicide contact tracing and intervention program in the event  
11 of an apparent suicide of a student to help direct resources to  
12 students who are close contacts to a deceased student. The  
13 program shall interview close contacts to determine if any  
14 external factors may be connected to the apparent suicide of a  
15 student and if the factors are affecting other students who  
16 are close contacts.

17 (b) Each school district, charter school, or alternative  
18 school or any school receiving public funds must ensure that  
19 counseling services are always available to students.  
20 Counseling services may be provided either in person at the  
21 school building or in a virtual format.

22 Section 10. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended

1 by adding Section 9.43 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 205/9.43 new)

3 Sec. 9.43. Suicide prevention. The Board shall require  
4 each public institution of higher education to develop a  
5 suicide contact tracing and intervention program in the event  
6 of an apparent suicide of a student to help direct resources to  
7 students who are close contacts to a deceased student. The  
8 program shall interview close contacts to determine if any  
9 external factors may be connected to the apparent suicide of a  
10 student and if the factors are affecting other students who  
11 are close contacts.