

HB5361



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.1

from Ch. 122, par. 27-23.1

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning parenting education, provides that school districts shall (instead of may) provide instruction in parenting education for grades 9 through 12. Effective July 1, 2024.

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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 changing Section
5 27-23.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-23.1)
7 Sec. 27-23.1. Parenting education.

8 (a) The State Board of Education must assist each school
9 district that offers an evidence-based parenting education
10 model. School districts may provide instruction in parenting
11 education for grades 6 through 8 ~~12~~ and include such
12 instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein.
13 School districts shall provide instruction in parenting
14 education for grades 9 through 12 and include such instruction
15 in the courses of study regularly taught therein. School
16 districts may give regular school credit for satisfactory
17 completion by the student of such courses.

18 As used in this subsection (a), "parenting education"
19 means and includes instruction in the following:

- 20 (1) Child growth and development, including prenatal
21 development.
- 22 (2) Childbirth and child care.
- 23 (3) Family structure, function, and management.

1 (4) Prenatal and postnatal care for mothers and
2 infants.

3 (5) Prevention of child abuse.

4 (6) The physical, mental, emotional, social, economic,
5 and psychological aspects of interpersonal and family
6 relationships.

7 (7) Parenting skill development.

8 The State Board of Education shall assist ~~those~~ districts
9 offering parenting education instruction, upon request, in
10 developing instructional materials, training teachers, and
11 establishing appropriate time allotments for each of the areas
12 included in such instruction.

13 School districts may offer parenting education courses
14 during that period of the day which is not part of the regular
15 school day. Residents of the school district may enroll in
16 such courses. The school board may establish fees and collect
17 such charges as may be necessary for attendance at such
18 courses in an amount not to exceed the per capita cost of the
19 operation thereof, except that the board may waive all or part
20 of such charges if it determines that the individual is
21 indigent or that the educational needs of the individual
22 requires his or her attendance at such courses.

23 (b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, from
24 appropriations made for the purposes of this Section, the
25 State Board of Education shall implement and administer a
26 7-year pilot program supporting the health and wellness

1 student-learning requirement by utilizing a unit of
2 instruction on parenting education in participating school
3 districts that maintain grades 9 through 12, to be determined
4 by the participating school districts. The program is
5 encouraged to include, but is not ~~be~~ limited to, instruction
6 on (i) family structure, function, and management, (ii) the
7 prevention of child abuse, (iii) the physical, mental,
8 emotional, social, economic, and psychological aspects of
9 interpersonal and family relationships, and (iv) parenting
10 education competency development that is aligned to the social
11 and emotional learning standards of the student's grade level.
12 Instruction under this subsection (b) may be included in the
13 Comprehensive Health Education Program set forth under Section
14 3 of the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health
15 Education Act. The State Board of Education is authorized to
16 make grants to school districts that apply to participate in
17 the pilot program under this subsection (b). The provisions of
18 this subsection (b), other than this sentence, are inoperative
19 at the conclusion of the pilot program.

20 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-175, eff. 6-30-23;
21 revised 9-5-23.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
23 2024.