



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4697

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.19 new

Amends the School Code. Requires each school district maintaining any elementary grades to provide its public school pupils enrolled in kindergarten through grade 8 with age-appropriate, active-transportation safety training. Sets forth the requirements for the active-transportation safety training. Allows a nonpublic school maintaining any elementary grades to provide its nonpublic school pupils enrolled in kindergarten through grade 8 with active-transportation safety training. Establishes timing requirements for receiving active-transportation safety training for students who have not previously received active-transportation safety training. Requires the Secretary of Transportation to maintain a comprehensive collection of active-transportation safety training materials. Makes other changes.

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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 27-23.19 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.19 new)

7 Sec. 27-23.19. Active-transportation safety training.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "active transportation" means
9 bicycling, pedestrian activities, and other forms of
10 nonmotorized transportation.

11 (b) Each school district maintaining any elementary grades
12 must provide its public school pupils enrolled in kindergarten
13 through grade 3 with age-appropriate, active-transportation
14 safety training. At a minimum, the active-transportation
15 safety training must include pedestrian safety, including
16 crossing roads.

17 (c) Each school district maintaining any elementary grades
18 must provide its public school pupils enrolled in grades 4
19 through 8 with age-appropriate, active-transportation safety
20 training. At a minimum, the active-transportation safety
21 training must include:

22 (1) pedestrian safety, including crossing roads safely
23 using the technique of searching left, right, and left for

1 vehicles in traffic;

2 (2) bicycle safety, including relevant traffic laws,
3 the use and proper fit of protective headgear, bicycle
4 parts and safety features, and safe biking techniques; and

5 (3) electric-assisted bicycle safety, including that a
6 person under the age of 16 is not allowed to operate an
7 electric-assisted bicycle.

8 (d) A nonpublic school maintaining any elementary grades
9 may provide its nonpublic school pupils enrolled in
10 kindergarten through grade 8 with active-transportation safety
11 training as specified in subsections (b) and (c).

12 (e) Students under subsection (b) who are enrolled during
13 the first or second week of school and have not previously
14 received active-transportation safety training as specified in
15 subsection (b) must receive the active-transportation safety
16 training by the end of the third week of school.

17 (f) Students under subsection (c) who are enrolled during
18 the first or second week of school and have not previously
19 received active-transportation safety training as specified in
20 subsection (c) must receive the active-transportation safety
21 training by the end of the sixth week of school.

22 (g) Students under subsection (b) or (c) who enroll in a
23 school after the second week of school and have not received
24 the appropriate active-transportation safety training from
25 their previous school must undergo the training or receive
26 active-transportation safety instructional materials within 4

1 weeks after the first day of attendance.

2 (h) A school district and a nonpublic school may provide
3 kindergarten pupils with active-transportation safety training
4 under this Section before the first day of school.

5 (i) A school district may provide active-transportation
6 safety training under this Section through an online program
7 or course.

8 (j) A school district and a nonpublic school must make
9 reasonable accommodations under this Section for the
10 active-transportation safety training of pupils known to speak
11 English as a second language and pupils with disabilities.

12 (k) The Secretary of Transportation must maintain a
13 comprehensive collection of active-transportation safety
14 training materials that meets the requirements of this
15 Section.

16 (l) This Section is in addition to any other
17 transportation-safety training laws.