



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4997

by Rep. Robyn Gabel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-270

was 105 ILCS 5/27-1040

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that school districts shall (rather than may) provide instruction in parenting education for grades 6 through 12 and include such instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein. Provides that school districts shall (rather than may) give regular school credit for satisfactory completion by the student of parenting education courses. Makes related 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 renumbering and
5 changing Section 27-1040 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-270) (was 105 ILCS 5/27-1040)

7 Sec. 27-270 ~~27-1040~~. 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 shall ~~may~~ provide instruction in
11 parenting education for grades 6 through 12 and include such
12 instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein.
13 School districts shall ~~may~~ give regular school credit for
14 satisfactory completion by the student of such courses.

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

17 (1) Child growth and development, including prenatal
18 development.

19 (2) Childbirth and child care.

20 (3) Family structure, function, and management.

21 (4) Prenatal and postnatal care for mothers and
22 infants.

23 (5) Prevention of child abuse.

1 (6) The physical, mental, emotional, social, economic,
2 and psychological aspects of interpersonal and family
3 relationships.

4 (7) Parenting skill development.

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

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

20 (b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, from
21 appropriations made for the purposes of this Section, the
22 State Board of Education shall implement and administer a
23 7-year pilot program supporting the health and wellness
24 student-learning requirement by utilizing a unit of
25 instruction on parenting education in participating school
26 districts that maintain grades 9 through 12, to be determined

1 by the participating school districts. The program is
2 encouraged to include, but is not limited to, instruction on
3 (i) family structure, function, and management, (ii) the
4 prevention of child abuse, (iii) the physical, mental,
5 emotional, social, economic, and psychological aspects of
6 interpersonal and family relationships, and (iv) parenting
7 education competency development that is aligned to the social
8 and emotional learning standards of the student's grade level.
9 Instruction under this subsection (b) may be included in the
10 comprehensive health education program set forth under Section
11 22-115 of this Code. The State Board of Education is
12 authorized to make grants to school districts that apply to
13 participate in the pilot program under this subsection (b).
14 The provisions of this subsection (b), other than this
15 sentence, are inoperative at the conclusion of the pilot
16 program.

17 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-175, eff. 6-30-23;
18 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 104-391, eff. 8-15-25.)