



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB0068

Introduced 1/13/2025, by Sen. Michael W. Halpin

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Judicial Domestic Violence Training Act. Requires the Judicial Education Division of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to develop and implement a domestic violence continuing education program for judges and relevant court personnel. Provides that the continuing education program shall be required training for all judges every 2 years and shall be held at every biennial Education Conference and every new judge seminar.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Judicial Domestic Violence Training Act.

6 Section 5. Education and training program.

7 (a) The Judicial Education Division of the Administrative  
8 Office of the Illinois Courts shall develop and implement a  
9 domestic violence continuing education program for judges and  
10 relevant court personnel. The continuing education program  
11 shall:

12 (1) be provided by professionals with substantial  
13 experience in assisting survivors of domestic violence;

14 (2) rely on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research by  
15 recognized experts; and

16 (3) be designed to improve the ability of the courts  
17 to recognize and respond to physical abuse, sexual abuse,  
18 domestic violence, and trauma and to make appropriate  
19 decisions that prioritize the safety and well-being of  
20 victims and household members and are culturally sensitive  
21 and appropriate for diverse communities.

22 (b) The continuing education program described in this  
23 Section shall include, but is not limited to, information on

1 the following subjects:

2 (1) the nature, extent, and causes of domestic  
3 violence;

4 (2) the lethality of domestic violence;

5 (3) physical abuse, emotional abuse, and coercive  
6 control;

7 (4) implicit and explicit biases toward parties  
8 involved in domestic violence;

9 (5) trauma and the short and long term impacts of  
10 domestic violence on the victim and household members;

11 (6) behavioral patterns and relationship dynamics  
12 within the cycle of violence;

13 (7) the increased vulnerability of victims who are  
14 gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, low-income, minority  
15 or immigrant;

16 (8) culturally responsive approaches to serving  
17 victims and courtroom treatment of victims;

18 (9) procedures designed to promote the safety of the  
19 victim and household members;

20 (10) resources available to victims and household  
21 members; and

22 (11) civil rights and legal remedies available to  
23 victims and household members.

24 (c) The continuing education program described in this  
25 Section shall be required training for all judges every 2  
26 years and shall be held at every biennial Education Conference

1 and every New Judge Seminar.

2 (d) Documentation showing completion of the class shall be  
3 submitted to and recorded by the Administrative Office of the  
4 Illinois Courts and shall be made available to the public upon  
5 request.