

SB1848



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/5/2025, by Sen. Mary Edly-Allen

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.19 new

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, requires a school district, if funds are available, to provide a minimum of 3 hours of instruction for students in any of grades 7 through 12 on (i) legal aspects explaining certain laws and penalties, (ii) responding to a police encounter, and (iii) the aftermath. Allows the State Board of Education to prepare and make available to school boards resource materials that may be used as guidelines for the development of the instruction. Effective immediately.

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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. Public safety and police engagement
8 training curriculum.

9 (a) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, if funds are
10 available, whether through public or private funding, a school
11 district shall provide a minimum of 3 hours of instruction for
12 students in any of grades 7 through 12 on each of the following
13 topics:

14 (1) Legal aspects explaining the law and penalties
15 for:

16 (A) obstructing justice and obstructing the
17 police; and

18 (B) weapon offenses, narcotic offenses, acts of
19 violence offenses, and sex crimes.

20 (2) Responding to a police encounter by:

21 (A) explaining how the police respond to
22 situations, things officers look for from a police
23 perspective, and the reasons for commands and

1 directives; and

2 (B) explaining a juvenile's response to police,
3 why it is important to obey commands, the do's and
4 don'ts for safety, how to engage officers in a
5 thoughtful and respectful manner, and situation
6 awareness.

7 (3) The aftermath, including:

8 (A) how to get answers to what occurred;

9 (B) obtaining information concerning future
10 situation issues; and

11 (C) the proper ways in which to levy complaints.

12 (b) A school board may include the required instruction in
13 the courses of study regularly taught in the public schools of
14 the district.

15 (c) The State Board of Education may prepare and make
16 available to school boards resource materials that may be used
17 as guidelines for the development of instruction under this
18 Section.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.