

SB2637



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 3/12/2025, by Sen. Mike Simmons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Provides legislative findings. Appropriates specified amounts to the Department of Public Health for grants, expenses, and administrative costs of programs relating to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus; the Getting to Zero-Illinois plan to end the HIV epidemic by 2030; the prevention, screening, and treatment services to address sexually transmitted infection cases; and the PrEP4Illinois Program to provide client navigation for pre-exposure prophylaxis services and medication access. Contains other provisions. Effective July 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

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

4 Section 1. Legislative findings. For more than 4 decades,
5 HIV/AIDS has ravaged communities across America and Illinois,
6 doubling down on the racial health disparities also laid bare
7 across the opioid epidemic, maternal and infant mortality
8 rates, COVID-19 mortality and morbidity rates, and the rising
9 rates of sexually transmitted infections (chlamydia,
10 gonorrhea, and syphilis).

11 According to the Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention (CDC), HIV transmission can be virtually eliminated
13 when linkage to HIV medications and medical care are widely
14 accessible. Treatment and prevention strategies such as
15 Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and
16 Undetectable=Untransmittable (U=U) are time-tested,
17 science-based interventions that prevent new HIV diagnoses.
18 Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a prevention strategy that
19 involves sexually active HIV-negative adults and adolescents
20 taking prescription medications to prevent HIV acquisition.
21 PrEP is 99% effective in preventing HIV when taken as
22 prescribed. U=U acknowledges the proven science that people
23 living with HIV who have an undetectable viral load pose no
24 chance of transmitting the virus sexually. However, access to

1 health care, housing, steady and sufficient income, mental
2 health and substance-use services, HIV treatment, addressing
3 HIV-related stigma, and access to PrEP persist as barriers to
4 lowering the HIV incidence rates across Illinois.

5 To advance the goals and strategies of the Getting to Zero
6 Illinois Plan 2.0 to end the HIV epidemic in Illinois by 2030,
7 the State of Illinois will need to develop and support
8 programs in health care, health disparities, housing,
9 education and awareness. These new state funding opportunities
10 for Fiscal Year 2026 aim to increase access to clinical and
11 supportive services for HIV treatment and PrEP.

12 Additionally, these investments are grounded in racial
13 health equity to address the health disparities experienced by
14 people living with or vulnerable to HIV-especially among our
15 Black, Latino/a/x, and LGBTQIA communities.

16 Section 5. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
17 as may be necessary, are appropriated to the Department of
18 Public Health for expenses of programs related to Acquired
19 Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Human Immunodeficiency
20 Virus (HIV):

21 OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION: AIDS/HIV

22 No less than one-half (50%) of all funds appropriated in
23 any fiscal year to the Department of Public Health's Office of
24 Health Protection: AIDS/HIV Division shall be used for

1 expenses pursuant to HIV/AIDS programs serving minority
2 populations.

3 Payable from the General Revenue Fund:

4 For Expenses of AIDS/HIV Education, Drugs,
5 Services, Counseling, Testing, Outreach to
6 Minority Populations, Costs Associated with
7 Correctional Facilities Counseling, Testing
8 Referral and Partner Notification (CTRPN),
9 and Patient and Worker Notification Pursuant
10 to Public Act 87-763.....\$27,562,400

11 For Grants and Other Expenses for the Prevention
12 and Treatment of HIV/AIDS and the Creation of an
13 HIV/AIDS Service Delivery System to Reduce the
14 the Disparity of HIV Infection and AIDS Cases
15 Between African Americans and Other
16 Population Groups.....\$4,000,000

17 Payable from the Public Health Services Fund:

18 For Expenses of Programs for
19 Prevention of AIDS/HIV.....\$7,250,000

20 For Expenses for Surveillance Programs and
21 Seroprevalence Studies of AIDS/HIV.....\$2,750,000

1 For Expenses Associated with the Ryan White
 2 Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Act of
 3 1990 (CARE) and other AIDS/HIV services.....\$100,000,000

4 Payable from the Quality of Life Endowment Fund:
 5 For Grants and Expenses Associated with HIV/AIDS
 6 Prevention and Education.....\$1,000,000

7 Total \$142,562,400

8 Section 10. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as
 9 may be necessary, is appropriated from the African-American
 10 HIV/AIDS Response Fund to the Department of Public Health for
 11 grants and administrative expenses associated with the
 12 prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and the creation of an
 13 HIV/AIDS service delivery system to reduce the disparity of
 14 HIV infection and AIDS cases among African-Americans.

15 Section 15. The sum of \$5,500,000, or so much thereof as
 16 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public
 17 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs
 18 related to the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and
 19 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and specifically to the
 20 Getting to Zero-Illinois (GTZ) plan to end the HIV epidemic by
 21 2030.

1 Section 20. The sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may
2 be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public
3 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs
4 related to the prevention, screening, and treatment services
5 to address sexually transmitted infection (STI) cases.

6 Section 25. The sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as
7 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public
8 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs
9 related to the PrEP4Illinois Program to provide client
10 navigation for pre-exposure prophylaxis services and
11 medication access. A portion of this funding must be spent on
12 establishing the mechanism, process, policy, or system needed
13 to allow the PrEP4Illinois program to pay for the ancillary
14 services (including, but not limited to, provider office
15 visits or labs) associated with being on pre-exposure
16 prophylaxis, as well as to begin covering the cost of such
17 ancillary services for the uninsured and underinsured people
18 in the Department of Public Health's PrEP4Illinois program.

19 Section 30. The sum of \$2,800,000, or so much thereof as
20 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public
21 Health from the General Revenue Fund for grants, expenses of
22 programs and administrative costs related to Permanent
23 Supportive Housing specifically dedicated to people living
24 with HIV, housing coupled with wraparound services including,

1 but not limited to, in-home and community support and linkages
2 to other services such as behavioral health, employment, and
3 assistance with receiving public benefits.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
5 2025.