



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/13/2026, by Sen. Christopher Belt

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the County Shelter Care and Detention Home Act, the Illinois Local Library Act, the Public Library District Act of 1991, the Village Library Act, the Libraries in Parks Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Child Care Act of 1969, the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Unified Code of Corrections, and the Probation and Probation Officers Act to require the placement of contact information for the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Amends the School Code. With respect to the comprehensive health education program, provides that a school board shall require each public school serving students in any of grades 6 through 12 to assess courses and seminars available to those students through their regular academic experiences and implement age-appropriate, evidence-based suicide prevention curricula if opportunities for integration exist. Further amends the Unified Code of Corrections. In provisions concerning an inmate's successful transition to the community, provides that release planning shall include access to suicide prevention resources.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The County Shelter Care and Detention Home Act
5 is amended by adding Section 2.2 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 75/2.2 new)

7 Sec. 2.2. Suicide prevention information. Each county
8 shelter care home and detention home authorized and
9 established by this Act shall place contact information for
10 the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline in the home in
11 a prominent location that is visible to and accessible by
12 children who are committed to the home by the court.

13 Section 10. The Illinois Local Library Act is amended by
14 adding Section 1-9 as follows:

15 (75 ILCS 5/1-9 new)

16 Sec. 1-9. Suicide prevention information. A public library
17 shall place contact information for the 9-8-8 National Suicide
18 Prevention Lifeline in the library in a prominent location
19 that is visible to and accessible by patrons.

20 Section 15. The Public Library District Act of 1991 is

1 amended by adding Section 1-27 as follows:

2 (75 ILCS 16/1-27 new)

3 Sec. 1-27. Suicide prevention information. A public
4 library shall place contact information for the 9-8-8 National
5 Suicide Prevention Lifeline in the library in a prominent
6 location that is visible to and accessible by patrons.

7 Section 20. The Village Library Act is amended by adding
8 Section 4.5 as follows:

9 (75 ILCS 40/4.5 new)

10 Sec. 4.5. Suicide prevention information. A public library
11 shall place contact information for the 9-8-8 National Suicide
12 Prevention Lifeline in the library in a prominent location
13 that is visible to and accessible by patrons.

14 Section 25. The Libraries in Parks Act is amended by
15 adding Section 3b as follows:

16 (75 ILCS 65/3b new)

17 Sec. 3b. Suicide prevention information. A public library
18 shall place contact information for the 9-8-8 National Suicide
19 Prevention Lifeline in the library in a prominent location
20 that is visible to and accessible by patrons.

1 Section 30. The School Code is amended by changing Section
2 27-215 as follows:

3 (105 ILCS 5/27-215)

4 Sec. 27-215. Comprehensive health education program.

5 (a) In this subsection (a):

6 "Age and developmentally appropriate" means suitable to
7 particular ages or age groups of children or adolescents,
8 based on the developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral
9 capacity typical for the age or age group.

10 "Consent" means an affirmative, knowing, conscious,
11 ongoing, and voluntary agreement to engage in interpersonal,
12 physical, or sexual activity, which can be revoked at any
13 point, including during the course of interpersonal, physical,
14 or sexual activity.

15 The program established under this Act shall include, but
16 not be limited to, the following major educational areas as a
17 basis for curricula in all elementary and secondary schools in
18 this State, with applicable Illinois Learning Standards
19 adopted by the State Board of Education guiding the
20 instruction in the program:

21 (1) human ecology, health, growth, development,
22 personal health habits, and nutrition, consistent with the
23 Illinois Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of
24 Education;

25 (2) the emotional, psychological, physiological,

1 hygienic, and social responsibilities of family life,
2 including evidence-based and medically accurate
3 information regarding sexual abstinence;

4 (3) the prevention and control of disease, including
5 instruction in grades 6 through 12 on the prevention,
6 transmission, and spread of AIDS;

7 (4) age and developmentally appropriate sexual abuse,
8 consistent with Section 10-23.13 of this Code, abuse
9 during pregnancy, and assault awareness and prevention
10 education in grades prekindergarten through 12;

11 (5) public health, environmental health, disaster
12 preparedness education, and safety education;

13 (6) mental health and illness;

14 (7) dental health;

15 (8) cancer education that includes the types of
16 cancer, signs and symptoms, risk factors, the importance
17 of early prevention and detection, and information on
18 where to get help and treatment for cancer; and

19 (9) age and developmentally appropriate consent
20 education.

21 The instruction on mental health and illness must evaluate
22 the multiple dimensions of health by reviewing the
23 relationship between physical and mental health to enhance
24 student understanding, attitudes, and behaviors that promote
25 health, well-being, and human dignity and must include how and
26 where to find mental health resources and specialized

1 treatment in the State. To raise mental health awareness for
2 students in grades 6 through 12, a school board shall require
3 each public school serving students in any of grades 6 through
4 12 to assess courses and seminars available to those students
5 through their regular academic experiences and implement
6 age-appropriate, evidence-based suicide prevention curricula
7 if opportunities for integration exist. The program shall also
8 provide course material and instruction to advise pupils of
9 the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

10 Consent education must be age and developmentally
11 appropriate, and the instruction on age and developmentally
12 appropriate consent shall require only instruction aligning
13 with consent as defined in this Section.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the educational areas under subsection
15 (a), the following areas may also be included as a basis for
16 curricula in all elementary and secondary schools in this
17 State: basic first aid (including, but not limited to,
18 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver),
19 heart disease, diabetes, stroke, the prevention of child
20 abuse, neglect, and suicide, and teen dating violence in
21 grades 7 through 12.

22 (c) The State Superintendent of Education, in cooperation
23 with the Department of Children and Family Services, shall
24 prepare and disseminate to all public schools and nonpublic
25 schools information on instructional materials and programs
26 about child sexual abuse, which may be used by such schools for

1 their own or community programs. Such information may also be
2 disseminated by such schools to parents.

3 (d) No pupil shall be required to take or participate in
4 any class or course on AIDS or family life instruction or to
5 receive training on how to properly administer cardiopulmonary
6 resuscitation or how to use an automated external
7 defibrillator if his or her parent or guardian submits written
8 objection thereto, and refusal to take or participate in the
9 course or program or the training shall not be reason for
10 suspension or expulsion of the pupil.

11 (Source: P.A. 104-391, eff. 8-15-25.)

12 Section 35. The Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act is
13 amended by adding Section 151 as follows:

14 (210 ILCS 9/151 new)

15 Sec. 151. Suicide prevention information. An assisted
16 living or shared housing establishment shall place contact
17 information for the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
18 in the establishment in a prominent location that is visible
19 to and accessible by residents and staff of the establishment.

20 Section 40. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by adding
21 Section 3-202.2c as follows:

22 (210 ILCS 45/3-202.2c new)

1 Sec. 3-202.2c. Suicide prevention information. A nursing
2 facility that is subject to this Act shall place contact
3 information for the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
4 in the facility in a prominent location that is visible to and
5 accessible by residents and staff of the facility.

6 Section 45. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by
7 changing Section 7.01 as follows:

8 (225 ILCS 10/7.01)

9 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
10 delayed effective date)

11 Sec. 7.01. Minimum standards for licensing; Department of
12 Early Childhood.

13 (a) The Department of Early Childhood must prescribe and
14 publish minimum standards for licensing that apply to day care
15 centers, day care homes, and group day care homes. The
16 Department of Early Childhood shall seek the advice and
17 assistance of persons representative of day care centers, day
18 care homes, and group day care homes in establishing such
19 standards. The standards prescribed and published under this
20 Act take effect as provided in the Illinois Administrative
21 Procedure Act, and are restricted to rules pertaining to the
22 following matters and to any rules required or permitted by
23 any other Section of this Act:

24 (1) The operation and conduct of the facility and

1 responsibility it assumes for child care;

2 (2) The character, suitability and qualifications of
3 the applicant and other persons directly responsible for
4 the care and welfare of children served. All child day
5 care center licensees and employees who are required to
6 report child abuse or neglect under the Abused and
7 Neglected Child Reporting Act shall be required to attend
8 training on recognizing child abuse and neglect, as
9 prescribed by Department of Early Childhood rules;

10 (3) The general financial ability and competence of
11 the applicant to provide necessary care for children and
12 to maintain prescribed standards;

13 (4) The number of individuals or staff required to
14 ensure adequate supervision and care of the children
15 received. The standards shall provide that each day care
16 center, day care home, and group day care home shall have
17 on its premises during its hours of operation at least one
18 staff member certified in first aid, in the Heimlich
19 maneuver and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the
20 American Red Cross or other organization approved by rule
21 of the Department of Early Childhood. The Department of
22 Early Childhood may offer, or arrange for the offering, on
23 a periodic basis in each community in this State in
24 cooperation with the American Red Cross, the American
25 Heart Association or other appropriate organization,
26 voluntary programs to train operators of day care homes in

1 first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

2 (5) The appropriateness, safety, cleanliness, and
3 general adequacy of the premises, including maintenance of
4 adequate fire prevention and health standards conforming
5 to State laws and municipal codes to provide for the
6 physical comfort, care, and well-being of children
7 received;

8 (6) Provisions for food, clothing, educational
9 opportunities, program, equipment and individual supplies
10 to ensure the healthy physical, mental, and spiritual
11 development of children served;

12 (7) Provisions to safeguard the legal rights of
13 children served;

14 (8) Maintenance of records pertaining to the
15 admission, progress, health, and discharge of children,
16 including, for day care centers and day care homes,
17 records indicating each child has been immunized as
18 required by State regulations. The Department of Early
19 Childhood shall require proof that children enrolled in a
20 facility have been immunized against Haemophilus
21 Influenzae B (HIB);

22 (9) Filing of reports with the Department of Early
23 Childhood;

24 (10) Discipline of children;

25 (11) Protection and fostering of the particular
26 religious faith of the children served;

1 (12) Provisions prohibiting firearms on day care
2 center premises except in the possession of peace
3 officers;

4 (13) Provisions prohibiting handguns on day care home
5 premises except in the possession of peace officers or
6 other adults who must possess a handgun as a condition of
7 employment and who reside on the premises of a day care
8 home;

9 (14) Provisions requiring that any firearm permitted
10 on day care home premises, except handguns in the
11 possession of peace officers, shall be kept in a
12 disassembled state, without ammunition, in locked storage,
13 inaccessible to children and that ammunition permitted on
14 day care home premises shall be kept in locked storage
15 separate from that of disassembled firearms, inaccessible
16 to children;

17 (15) Provisions requiring notification of parents or
18 guardians enrolling children at a day care home of the
19 presence in the day care home of any firearms and
20 ammunition and of the arrangements for the separate,
21 locked storage of such firearms and ammunition; ~~and~~

22 (16) Provisions requiring all licensed child care
23 facility employees who care for newborns and infants to
24 complete training every 3 years on the nature of sudden
25 unexpected infant death (SUID), sudden infant death
26 syndrome (SIDS), and the safe sleep recommendations of the

1 American Academy of Pediatrics; and-

2 (17) Provisions requiring all licensed day care
3 centers to place contact information for the 9-8-8
4 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline in the licensed day
5 care center in a prominent location that is visible to and
6 accessible by children and employees of the licensed day
7 care center.

8 All licensed day care home providers, licensed group day
9 care home providers, and licensed day care center directors
10 and classroom staff shall participate in at least one training
11 that includes the topics of early childhood social emotional
12 learning, infant and early childhood mental health, early
13 childhood trauma, or adverse childhood experiences. Current
14 licensed providers, directors, and classroom staff shall
15 complete training and shall participate in training that
16 includes the above topics at least once every 3 years.

17 (b) The Department of Early Childhood, in applying
18 standards prescribed and published, as herein provided, shall
19 offer consultation through employed staff or other qualified
20 persons to assist applicants and licensees in meeting and
21 maintaining minimum requirements for a license and to help
22 them otherwise to achieve programs of excellence related to
23 the care of children served. Such consultation shall include
24 providing information concerning education and training in
25 early childhood development to providers of day care home
26 services. The Department of Early Childhood may provide or

1 arrange for such education and training for those providers
2 who request such assistance.

3 (c) The Department of Early Childhood shall distribute
4 copies of licensing standards to all licensees and applicants
5 for a license. Each licensee or holder of a permit shall
6 distribute copies of the appropriate licensing standards and
7 any other information required by the Department of Early
8 Childhood to child care facilities under its supervision. Each
9 licensee or holder of a permit shall maintain appropriate
10 documentation of the distribution of the standards. Such
11 documentation shall be part of the records of the facility and
12 subject to inspection by authorized representatives of the
13 Department of Early Childhood.

14 (d) The Department of Early Childhood shall prepare
15 summaries of day care licensing standards. Each licensee or
16 holder of a permit for a day care facility shall distribute a
17 copy of the appropriate summary and any other information
18 required by the Department of Early Childhood, to the legal
19 guardian of each child cared for in that facility at the time
20 when the child is enrolled or initially placed in the
21 facility. The licensee or holder of a permit for a day care
22 facility shall secure appropriate documentation of the
23 distribution of the summary and brochure. Such documentation
24 shall be a part of the records of the facility and subject to
25 inspection by an authorized representative of the Department
26 of Early Childhood.

1 (e) The Department of Early Childhood shall distribute to
2 each licensee and holder of a permit copies of the licensing or
3 permit standards applicable to such person's facility. Each
4 licensee or holder of a permit shall make available by posting
5 at all times in a common or otherwise accessible area a
6 complete and current set of licensing standards in order that
7 all employees of the facility may have unrestricted access to
8 such standards. All employees of the facility shall have
9 reviewed the standards and any subsequent changes. Each
10 licensee or holder of a permit shall maintain appropriate
11 documentation of the current review of licensing standards by
12 all employees. Such records shall be part of the records of the
13 facility and subject to inspection by authorized
14 representatives of the Department of Early Childhood.

15 (f) Any standards involving physical examinations,
16 immunization, or medical treatment shall include appropriate
17 exemptions for children whose parents object thereto on the
18 grounds that they conflict with the tenets and practices of a
19 recognized church or religious organization, of which the
20 parent is an adherent or member, and for children who should
21 not be subjected to immunization for clinical reasons.

22 (g) The Department of Early Childhood, in cooperation with
23 the Department of Public Health, shall work to increase
24 immunization awareness and participation among parents of
25 children enrolled in day care centers and day care homes by
26 publishing on the Department of Early Childhood's website

1 information about the benefits of immunization against vaccine
2 preventable diseases, including influenza and pertussis. The
3 information for vaccine preventable diseases shall include the
4 incidence and severity of the diseases, the availability of
5 vaccines, and the importance of immunizing children and
6 persons who frequently have close contact with children. The
7 website content shall be reviewed annually in collaboration
8 with the Department of Public Health to reflect the most
9 current recommendations of the Advisory Committee on
10 Immunization Practices (ACIP). The Department of Early
11 Childhood shall work with day care centers and day care homes
12 licensed under this Act to ensure that the information is
13 annually distributed to parents in August or September.

14 (h) Any standard adopted by the Department of Early
15 Childhood that requires an applicant for a license to operate
16 a day care home to include a copy of a high school diploma or
17 equivalent certificate with the person's application shall be
18 deemed to be satisfied if the applicant includes a copy of a
19 high school diploma or equivalent certificate or a copy of a
20 degree from an accredited institution of higher education or
21 vocational institution or equivalent certificate.

22 (Source: P.A. 103-594, eff. 7-1-26.)

23 Section 50. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
24 adding Section 5-5e.1a as follows:

1 (305 ILCS 5/5-5e.1a new)

2 Sec. 5-5e.1a. Suicide prevention information. A Safety-Net
3 Hospital in this State shall place contact information for the
4 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline in the Safety-Net
5 Hospital in a prominent location that is visible to and
6 accessible by patients and staff of the Safety-Net Hospital.

7 Section 55. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
8 adding Section 3-7-7.5 and by changing Section 5-8A-4.2 as
9 follows:

10 (730 ILCS 5/3-7-7.5 new)

11 Sec. 3-7-7.5. Suicide prevention information. The
12 Department shall place contact information for the 9-8-8
13 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline in each institution or
14 facility of the Department in a prominent location that is
15 visible to and accessible by committed persons in the
16 institution or facility.

17 (730 ILCS 5/5-8A-4.2)

18 Sec. 5-8A-4.2. Successful transition to the community.

19 (a) The Department shall engage in reentry planning to
20 include individualized case planning for persons preparing to
21 be released to the community. This planning shall begin at
22 intake and be supported throughout the term of incarceration,
23 with a focused emphasis in the year prior to the inmate's

1 mandatory statutory release date. All inmates within one year
2 of their mandatory statutory release data shall be deemed to
3 be in reentry status. The Department shall develop
4 administrative directives to define reentry status based on
5 the requirements of this Section.

6 (b) The Department shall develop incentives to increase
7 program and treatment participation, positive behavior, and
8 readiness to change.

9 (c) The Department shall coordinate with, and provide
10 access at the point of release for, community partners and
11 State and local government agencies to support successful
12 transitions through assistance in planning and by providing
13 appropriate programs to inmates in reentry status. The
14 Department shall work with community partners and appropriate
15 state agencies to support the successful transitions through
16 assistance in planning and by providing appropriate programs
17 to persons prior to release. Release planning shall include,
18 but is not limited to:

19 (1) necessary documentation to include birth
20 certificate, social security card, and identification
21 card;

22 (2) vocational or educational short-term and long-term
23 goals;

24 (3) financial literacy and planning to include
25 payments of fines, fees, restitution, child support, and
26 other debt;

1 (4) access to healthcare, mental healthcare, and
2 chemical dependency treatment, including suicide
3 prevention resources;

4 (5) living and transportation arrangements;

5 (6) family reunification, if appropriate, and
6 pro-social support networks; and

7 (7) information about community-based employment
8 services and employment service programs available for
9 persons with prior arrest or criminal convictions.

10 (d) The Illinois Housing Development Authority shall
11 create a Frequent Users Systems Engagement (FUSE) Re-Entry
12 rental subsidy supportive housing program for the most
13 vulnerable persons exiting the Department of Corrections. The
14 Re-Entry rental subsidy supportive housing program shall be
15 targeted to persons with disabilities who have a history of
16 incarcerations, hospitalizations, and homelessness. The
17 Illinois Housing Development Authority, the Department of
18 Human Services Statewide Housing Coordinator, stakeholders,
19 and the Department of Corrections shall adopt policies and
20 procedures for the FUSE Re-Entry rental subsidy supportive
21 housing program including eligibility criteria, geographic
22 distribution, and documentation requirements which are similar
23 to the Rental Housing Support Program. The funding formula for
24 this program shall be developed by calculating the number of
25 prison bed days saved through the timely releases that would
26 not be possible but for the Re-Entry rental subsidy supportive

1 housing program. Funding shall include administrative costs
2 for the Illinois Housing Development Authority to operate the
3 program.

4 (e) The Department shall report to the General Assembly on
5 or before January 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, on these
6 activities to support successful transitions to the community.
7 This report shall include the following information regarding
8 persons released from the Department:

9 (1) the total number of persons released each year
10 listed by county;

11 (2) the number of persons assessed as having a high or
12 moderate criminogenic need who have completed programming
13 addressing that criminogenic need prior to release listed
14 by program and county;

15 (3) the number of persons released in the reporting
16 year who have engaged in pre-release planning prior to
17 their release listed by county;

18 (4) the number of persons who have been released to
19 electronic detention prior to their mandatory supervised
20 release date;

21 (5) the number of persons who have been released after
22 their mandatory supervised release date, average time past
23 mandatory supervised release date, and reasons held past
24 mandatory supervised release date; and

25 (6) when implemented, the number of Frequent Users
26 Systems Engagement (FUSE) Re-Entry rental subsidy

1 supportive housing program participants and average prison
2 bed days saved.

3 (Source: P.A. 100-575, eff. 1-8-18.)

4 Section 60. The Probation and Probation Officers Act is
5 amended by adding Section 15.3 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 110/15.3 new)

7 Sec. 15.3. Suicide prevention information. A department
8 shall ensure that, for all programs operated by the
9 department, contact information for the 9-8-8 National Suicide
10 Prevention Lifeline is posted in a prominent location that is
11 visible to and accessible by offenders in the program.

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 55 ILCS 75/2.2 new

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5 75 ILCS 16/1-27 new

6 75 ILCS 40/4.5 new

7 75 ILCS 65/3b new

8 105 ILCS 5/27-215

9 210 ILCS 9/151 new

10 210 ILCS 45/3-202.2c new

11 225 ILCS 10/7.01

12 305 ILCS 5/5-5e.1a new

13 730 ILCS 5/3-7-7.5 new

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