

# SB3006



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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 62/35  
750 ILCS 62/40  
750 ILCS 62/65

Amends the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Act. Changes the Statewide Committee quorum from 7 voting members to a simple majority of voting members. Requires that Statewide Committee's annual report is due no later than September 1 instead of March 1 of each year. Requires that the biennial report is due no later than June 1 instead of April 1 of each odd year.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence.

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

4 Section 5. The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 35, 40, and 65 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 62/35)

7 Sec. 35. Statewide Committee quorum; meetings;  
8 compensation.

9 (a) A quorum shall consist of a simple majority ~~7~~ of the  
10 voting members of the Statewide Committee.

11 (b) The first meeting of the Statewide Committee shall  
12 occur by January 15, 2022. At the first meeting and at  
13 subsequent meetings when terms expire, the voting members  
14 shall elect 2 co-chairs and a secretary from among the voting  
15 members and may elect any other officers and other officers  
16 the voting members deem necessary to carry out the duties and  
17 responsibilities of the Statewide Committee.

18 (c) The Statewide Committee shall meet at least quarterly  
19 each State fiscal year. Additional meetings may be called by  
20 the co-chairs, after at least 7 days prior notice to the  
21 Statewide Committee members, or upon a written request signed  
22 by at least 5 Statewide Committee members to the co-chairs for  
23 a meeting request. Meetings may be held by a virtual meeting

1 format during a public health emergency or disaster  
2 proclamation declared by the Governor, or at the discretion of  
3 the co-chairs.

4 (d) The meetings of the Statewide Committee are subject to  
5 the Open Meetings Act, except the following shall occur in  
6 closed executive sessions not subject to the requirements of  
7 the Open Meetings Act:

8 (1) discussions about personnel matters, confidential  
9 information as defined by Section 5, or cases eligible for  
10 review under Section 70; and

11 (2) conducting a domestic violence fatality review.

12 (e) The members shall receive no compensation for their  
13 service as members of the Statewide Committee, but may receive  
14 reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance  
15 of their duties, subject to the availability of funds for that  
16 purpose.

17 (Source: P.A. 102-520, eff. 8-20-21.)

18 (750 ILCS 62/40)

19 Sec. 40. Duties and responsibilities of the Statewide  
20 Committee.

21 (a) The Statewide Committee shall carry out the following  
22 duties and responsibilities:

23 (1) Subject to available funds, hire or assign a  
24 full-time Program Manager to carry out the duties and  
25 responsibilities of the Statewide Committee and the

1 purposes of this Act. The Program Manager may hire  
2 additional staff, subject to the availability of funds for  
3 that purpose and subject to the approval of the Board. The  
4 Statewide Committee and regional review teams can operate  
5 without an acting Program Manager.

6 (2) Establish and maintain an Internet website.

7 (3) Prepare an annual budget that includes  
8 compensation for the Program Manager and staff, and  
9 financial reimbursement to regional review team members or  
10 teams for actual expenses incurred in the performance of  
11 their duties, subject to the availability of funds for  
12 that purpose.

13 (4) Facilitate the establishment and implementation of  
14 regional review teams across the State over 6 years after  
15 the effective date of this Act and collaboratively develop  
16 regional implementation plans and procedures.

17 (5) Provide training and ongoing technical assistance  
18 to regional review teams.

19 (6) Conduct, or assist in conducting, regional  
20 domestic violence fatality reviews if requested by  
21 regional review teams in specific cases.

22 (7) Develop model confidentiality agreement, policies,  
23 and procedures for the use of regional review teams.

24 (8) Develop guidelines for the annual and biennial  
25 reports of the Statewide Committee and the regional review  
26 teams pursuant to this Section and Section 65.

1           (9) Appoint the initial members of each regional  
2 review team in accordance with Section 50 or designate a  
3 founding member of a regional review team to form the  
4 remainder of the regional review team in accordance with  
5 Section 50, unless the regional review team has been  
6 formed prior to the effective date of this Act or elects to  
7 form without the involvement of the Statewide Committee.

8           (10) Create a process whereby the Statewide Committee  
9 shall annually officially recognize regional review teams  
10 that are formed and operated in substantial compliance  
11 with the requirements of this Act, and nonrecognize those  
12 regional review teams that are substantially out of  
13 compliance after reasonable efforts are made by the  
14 Statewide Committee to engage the regional review team's  
15 co-chairs and other regional stakeholders to facilitate  
16 corrective actions to bring the regional review team into  
17 substantial compliance. A nonrecognized regional review  
18 team no longer has the authority to operate under this  
19 Act, however, nonrecognition would not preclude the  
20 formation of a new regional review team for the affected  
21 region.

22           (11) Review, analyze, maintain, and securely store  
23 regional review team reports and recommendations submitted  
24 by each regional review team as required by Section 65.

25           (12) File an annual report with the Governor and the  
26 General Assembly on the operations and activities of the

1 Statewide Committee and of the regional review teams. The  
2 first report shall be due no later than March 1, 2023, and  
3 each subsequent report shall be due no later than  
4 September ~~March~~ 1 of each year thereafter. The annual  
5 report shall be made publicly available on the Statewide  
6 Committee's Internet website.

7 (13) In even numbered years, file a substantive  
8 biennial report reviewing and analyzing the data and  
9 recommendations collected from the reports of the regional  
10 review teams. The biennial report shall include specific  
11 recommendations for legislative, systemic, policy, and any  
12 other changes to reduce domestic violence and domestic  
13 violence related fatalities and near-fatalities. The first  
14 report shall be due no later than April 1, 2024, and each  
15 subsequent report shall be due no later than April 1 of  
16 each even year thereafter. The biennial report shall be  
17 made publicly available on the Statewide Committee's  
18 Internet website.

19 (b) The Statewide Committee may carry out the following  
20 duties and responsibilities:

21 (1) After a vote by the majority of the voting  
22 Statewide Committee members or a decision by the  
23 co-chairs, establish one or more subcommittees or task  
24 forces to address specific issues regarding domestic  
25 violence, domestic violence fatalities and  
26 near-fatalities, domestic violence fatality review, or

1 other related issues or subject matters, and may invite  
2 nonmembers with expertise on the issue or subject matter  
3 to serve on the subcommittee or task force. Each  
4 subcommittee or task force shall be chaired by a member of  
5 the Statewide Committee.

6 (2) Advise the Governor and General Assembly on  
7 domestic violence, domestic violence fatalities and  
8 near-fatalities, domestic violence fatality review, data,  
9 and related topics or policies.

10 (3) Engage nonmember stakeholders in reviewing  
11 selected recommendations from the regional review teams in  
12 accordance with notions of fairness, equity, justice, due  
13 process, and practicality.

14 (4) Analyze data and identify trends related to  
15 domestic violence and domestic violence related fatalities  
16 and near-fatalities, and develop mechanisms for  
17 collecting, analyzing, and storing data that it collects  
18 or that is provided by the regional review teams.

19 (5) Adopt administrative rules in order to implement  
20 this Act.

21 (6) Subject to the availability of funding and  
22 approval by a vote of the majority of the Statewide  
23 Committee members, engage with and enter into contracts  
24 with a higher education institution or research entity for  
25 research, analysis, training, and educational purposes in  
26 furtherance of the purposes of this Act. Statewide

1 Committee members or Statewide Committee staff shall not  
2 share information with contractors that would disclose the  
3 identities of victims, survivors, deceased, offenders, and  
4 their family members or by which their identities can be  
5 determined by a reasonably diligent inquiry.

6 (7) Support the implementation of systemic and  
7 community reform recommendations in order to advance the  
8 purposes of this Act.

9 (8) Adopt notice of funding opportunities, award  
10 grants, or enter into contracts with statewide or local  
11 organizations that advocate on behalf of survivors.

12 (9) Assign any responsibilities under this Section.

13 (10) Engage in any other activities that enable the  
14 Statewide Committee, its staff, and the regional review  
15 teams to carry out the purposes of this Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-520, eff. 8-20-21.)

17 (750 ILCS 62/65)

18 Sec. 65. Duties and responsibilities of the regional  
19 domestic violence fatality review team.

20 (a) Each regional review team shall carry out the  
21 following duties and responsibilities:

22 (1) Form a regional review team in accordance with  
23 Sections 50 and 55.

24 (2) Report the names, professional titles, if  
25 applicable, and business contact information of each

1 review team member to the Statewide Committee and inform  
2 the Statewide Committee in a timely manner of any changes  
3 to the membership of the regional review team.

4 (3) Create a secure system of maintaining and storing  
5 minutes, correspondence, and confidential information  
6 related to the regional review team and the domestic  
7 violence fatality reviews.

8 (4) Ensure that each member of the regional review  
9 team participates in trainings and technical assistance  
10 provided by the Statewide Committee and other  
11 professionals.

12 (5) Meet at least quarterly and maintain minutes of  
13 the business conducted by the regional review team at each  
14 meeting.

15 (6) Establish priorities for reviewing eligible cases  
16 that consider, in part, demographic and case type  
17 diversity.

18 (7) Based upon information available from a variety of  
19 sources, consider cases eligible for review in accordance  
20 with Section 70.

21 (8) Vote by a majority of the regional review team  
22 members to review a specific case based upon various  
23 factors, including the priorities by the regional review  
24 team.

25 (9) Invite and coordinate with the specific people  
26 designated in Section 50 who were involved in the selected

1 domestic violence related fatality or near-fatality to  
2 participate in the domestic violence fatality review.  
3 Members of the regional review team may also participate  
4 directly in the domestic violence fatality review.

5 (10) Execute a confidentiality agreement with each  
6 member of the regional review team and participant of a  
7 domestic violence fatality review in accordance with  
8 Section 75.

9 (11) Conduct a domestic violence fatality review of at  
10 least 2 eligible cases per calendar year, or, if the  
11 regional review team is unable to complete at least 2  
12 reviews in a given year, provide an explanation to the  
13 Statewide Committee in the regional review team's annual  
14 report pursuant to paragraph (12).

15 (12) Prepare and submit an annual report to the  
16 Statewide Committee on the operations and activities of  
17 the regional review team in accordance with guidelines  
18 established by the Statewide Committee. The initial report  
19 shall be due on March 1 following the formation of the  
20 regional review team and subsequent reports shall be  
21 submitted no later than March 1 of each year thereafter.

22 (13) On odd numbered years, prepare and submit to the  
23 Statewide Committee a biennial report based upon the  
24 domestic violence fatality reviews of the corresponding  
25 time period. The biennial report shall include specific  
26 recommendations for legislative, systemic, policy, and any

1 other changes to reduce domestic violence and domestic  
2 violence related fatalities and near-fatalities. These  
3 recommendations will be reviewed by the Statewide  
4 Committee according to Section 40 and will, in part,  
5 inform the Statewide Committee's biennial report on even  
6 years. Any information that identifies the victims,  
7 survivors, deceased, or offenders, or their family members  
8 or any information by which their identities can be  
9 determined by a reasonably diligent inquiry shall not be  
10 disclosed in any domestic violence fatality review  
11 biennial report or by any other means. Any narrative of  
12 nonidentifying facts will be limited to those essential  
13 and indispensable to the explanation of data analysis or a  
14 recommendation for reform. Aggregate and nonidentifying  
15 data, including demographics, may be included in the  
16 biennial report. The first biennial report shall be due no  
17 later than April 1, 2023, and each subsequent report shall  
18 be due no later than June ~~April~~ 1 of each odd year  
19 thereafter.

20 (b) Each regional review team may carry out the following  
21 duties and responsibilities:

22 (1) Collect and analyze data from its regional area  
23 regarding cases eligible for review that were and were not  
24 reviewed by the regional review team for purposes of  
25 identifying patterns and making recommendations for  
26 community and systemic reforms.

1           (2) Subject to the availability of funding and  
2 approval by a vote of the majority of the regional review  
3 team members, engage with and enter into contracts with a  
4 higher education institution or research entity for  
5 research, analysis, training, and educational purposes in  
6 furtherance of the purposes of this Act. Regional review  
7 team members shall not share information with contractors  
8 that would disclose the identities of victims, survivors,  
9 deceased, offenders, and their family members or by which  
10 their identities can be determined by a reasonably  
11 diligent inquiry.

12           (3) Seek funds to support the operations of the  
13 regional review team and the facilitation of domestic  
14 violence fatality reviews.

15           (4) Support the implementation of systemic and  
16 community reform recommendations in order to advance the  
17 purposes of this Act.

18           (5) Engage in any other activities that enable the  
19 regional review team to carry out the purposes of this  
20 Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-520, eff. 8-20-21.)