



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4151

Introduced 10/19/2021, by Rep. Terra Costa Howard, Daniel Didech, Ann M. Williams, Bob Morgan, Margaret Croke, et al.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/26-8 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of disorderly conduct in a school zone. Provides that a person commits the offense when he or she: (1) knowingly displays signs, engages in oral protest, education, or passing leaflets or handbills within 300 feet of school premises, from one hour prior to the start of the school day until one hour after the school day ends; or (2) knowingly approaches within 8 feet of an individual who is within 300 feet of school premises for purposes of displaying signs, engaging in oral protest, education, or passing leaflets or handbills, from one hour prior to the start of the school day until one hour after the school day ends. Provides that disorderly conduct in a school zone is a Class A misdemeanor. Defines "school". Contains a severability provision. Effective immediately.

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CORRECTIONAL  
BUDGET AND  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by adding  
5 Section 26-8 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/26-8 new)

7 Sec. 26-8. Disorderly conduct in a school zone.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that the State  
9 has a compelling interest in protecting the right of Illinois  
10 children to a peaceful educational environment that fosters  
11 their ability to learn free from harmful distraction during  
12 school hours.

13 (b) For purposes of this Section, "school" means any  
14 public or private school operated in accordance with the  
15 School Code.

16 (c) A person commits disorderly conduct in a school zone  
17 when he or she:

18 (1) knowingly displays signs, engages in oral protest,  
19 education, or passing leaflets or handbills within 300  
20 feet of school premises, from one hour prior to the start  
21 of the school day until one hour after the school day ends;  
22 or

23 (2) knowingly approaches within 8 feet of an

1       individual who is within 300 feet of school premises for  
2       purposes of displaying signs, engaging in oral protest,  
3       education, or passing leaflets or handbills, from one hour  
4       prior to the start of the school day until one hour after  
5       the school day ends.

6       (d) Disorderly conduct in a school zone is a Class A  
7       misdemeanor.

8           Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are  
9       severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

10          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11       becoming law.