

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB4216

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/10.2
50 ILCS 705/10.25 new
50 ILCS 706/10-15
105 ILCS 5/10-20.64
105 ILCS 5/10-22.6 from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.6
105 ILCS 5/17-2.11 from Ch. 122, par. 17-2.11
105 ILCS 5/22-85
105 ILCS 5/22-88
105 ILCS 5/26A-20
105 ILCS 5/27-23.7
105 ILCS 5/34-18.57

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the Law Enforcement Training Standards Board shall approve a course for school safety officers (a retired law enforcement officer who has been hired by a school district to perform security services). Sets forth training and certification requirements, including firearm certification. Provides that an applicant for employment as a school safety officer must authorize an investigation to determine if the applicant has been convicted of any criminal offense that disqualifies the person as a school safety officer. Amends the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act. Exempts school safety officers from the Act if a school board does not require officer-worn body cameras. Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2025, a school may employ a school safety officer. Requires a school safety officer applicant to provide the school district a certificate of completion or approved waiver issued by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Provides that a school safety officer shall wear a uniform that clearly identifies the officer as a school safety officer. Provides that a school safety officer may detain a person when the officer has reasonable suspicion to believe that an offense, other than an ordinance violation, is being committed. Provides that a school safety officer may carry a firearm as long as the officer is certified under specified provisions of the Illinois Police Training Act. Adds references to school safety officers throughout the Code. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning safety. 1

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by 4 changing Section 10.2 and by adding Section 10.25 as follows: 5
- (50 ILCS 705/10.2)

- 7 Sec. 10.2. Criminal background investigations.
- (a) On and after March 14, 2002 (the effective date of 8 9 Public Act 92-533), an applicant for employment as a peace
- officer or school safety officer, or for annual certification 10
- as a retired law enforcement officer qualified under federal 11
- 12 law to carry a concealed weapon, shall authorize
- 13 investigation to determine if the applicant has been convicted
- 14 of any criminal offense that disqualifies the person as a
- peace officer or school safety officer. 15
- 16 (b) No law enforcement agency may knowingly employ a
- person, or certify a retired law enforcement officer qualified 17
- under federal law to carry a concealed weapon, unless (i) a 18
- 19 criminal background investigation of that person has been
- completed and (ii) that investigation reveals no convictions 20
- 21 of or pleas of guilty to offenses specified in subsection (a)
- of Section 6.1 of this Act. 22
- (Source: P.A. 101-187, eff. 1-1-20; 101-652, eff. 1-1-22; 23

1 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-694, eff. 1-7-22.)

- 2 (50 ILCS 705/10.25 new)
- 3 Sec. 10.25. School safety officers.
- 4 (a) The Board shall develop a course for school safety
 5 officers, as defined in Section 10-20.85 of the School Code.
- 6 (b) The school safety officer course shall be developed
- 7 within one year after the effective date of this amendatory
- 8 Act of the 103rd General Assembly and shall be created in
- 9 consultation with organizations demonstrating expertise and or
- 10 experience in the areas of youth and adolescent developmental
- issues, educational administrative issues, prevention of child
- 12 abuse and exploitation, youth mental health treatment, and
- 13 juvenile advocacy.
- 14 Training shall include de-escalation, use of force, mental
- 15 health awareness and response, officer wellness, reporting
- 16 child abuse and neglect, and cultural competency. The training
- 17 shall also include a separate firearm certification course.
- 18 (c) The Board shall develop a process allowing school
- 19 boards to request a waiver of this training requirement,
- 20 except for the firearm certification course, for an individual
- 21 who would be assigned as a school safety officer. Applications
- for these waivers may be submitted by a school board for any
- officer whose prior training and experience may qualify for a
- 24 waiver of the training requirement of this subsection. The
- 25 <u>Board may issue a waiver at its discretion, based solely on the</u>

- 1 prior training and experience of an officer.
- 2 (d) Upon completion, the school board shall be issued a
- 3 certificate attesting to a specific officer's completion of
- 4 the school safety officer training and a separate
- 5 certification for completion of the firearm certification
- 6 course. Additionally, a letter of approval shall be issued to
- 7 the school board for any officer who is approved for a training
- 8 waiver under this subsection.
- 9 (e) The Board may adopt rules to implement this Section.
- 10 Section 10. The Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera
- 11 Act is amended by changing Section 10-15 as follows:
- 12 (50 ILCS 706/10-15)
- 13 Sec. 10-15. Applicability.
- 14 (a) All law enforcement agencies must employ the use of
- officer-worn body cameras in accordance with the provisions of
- 16 this Act, whether or not the agency receives or has received
- monies from the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Fund.
- 18 (b) Except as provided in subsection (b-5), all law
- 19 enforcement agencies must implement the use of body cameras
- 20 for all law enforcement officers, according to the following
- 21 schedule:
- 22 (1) for municipalities and counties with populations
- of 500,000 or more, body cameras shall be implemented by
- 24 January 1, 2022;

- 1 (2) for municipalities and counties with populations 2 of 100,000 or more but under 500,000, body cameras shall 3 be implemented by January 1, 2023;
 - (3) for municipalities and counties with populations of 50,000 or more but under 100,000, body cameras shall be implemented by January 1, 2024;
 - (4) for municipalities and counties under 50,000, body cameras shall be implemented by January 1, 2025; and
 - (5) for all State agencies with law enforcement officers and other remaining law enforcement agencies, body cameras shall be implemented by January 1, 2025.
 - municipality with a population of at least 100,000 but not more than 500,000 or a law enforcement agency that serves a county with a population of at least 100,000 but not more than 500,000 has ordered by October 1, 2022 or purchased by that date officer-worn body cameras for use by the law enforcement agency, then the law enforcement agency may implement the use of body cameras for all of its law enforcement officers by no later than July 1, 2023. Records of purchase within this timeline shall be submitted to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board by January 1, 2023.
 - (c) A law enforcement agency's compliance with the requirements under this Section shall receive preference by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board in awarding grant funding under the Law Enforcement Camera Grant

- 1 Act.
- 2 (d) This Section does not apply to court security
- 3 officers, State's Attorney investigators, and Attorney General
- 4 investigators. This Section does not apply to a school safety
- officer if a school board does not require the officer to wear
- 6 an officer-worn body camera.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 101-652, eff. 7-1-21; 102-28, eff. 6-25-21;
- 8 102-1104, eff. 12-6-22.)
- 9 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing
- 10 Sections 10-20.64, 10-22.6, 17-2.11, 22-85, 22-88, 26A-20,
- 27-23.7, and 34-18.57 and by adding Section 10-20.85 as
- 12 follows:
- 13 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.64)
- 14 Sec. 10-20.64. Booking stations on school grounds.
- 15 (a) There shall be no student booking station established
- or maintained on the grounds of any school.
- 17 (b) This prohibition shall be applied to student booking
- 18 stations only, as defined in this Section. The prohibition
- does not prohibit or affect the establishment or maintenance
- 20 of any place operated by or under the control of law
- 21 enforcement personnel, school resource officers, school safety
- 22 officers, or other security personnel that does not also
- 23 qualify as a student booking station as defined in paragraph
- 24 (2) of subsection (d) of this Section. The prohibition does

- 1 not affect or limit the powers afforded law enforcement
- 2 officers to perform their duties within schools as otherwise
- 3 prescribed by law.
- 4 (c) When the underlying suspected or alleged criminal act
- 5 is an act of violence, and isolation of a student or students
- 6 is deemed necessary to the interest of public safety, and no
- 7 other location is adequate for secure isolation of the student
- 8 or students, offices as described in paragraph (1) of
- 9 subsection (d) of this Section may be employed to detain
- 10 students for a period no longer than that required to
- alleviate that threat to public safety.
- 12 (d) As used in this Section, "student booking station"
- 13 means a building, office, room, or any indefinitely
- 14 established space or site, mobile or fixed, which operates
- 15 concurrently as:
- 16 (1) predominantly or regularly a place of operation
- for a municipal police department, county sheriff
- 18 department, or other law enforcement agency, or under the
- 19 primary control thereof; and
- 20 (2) a site at which students are detained in
- 21 connection with criminal charges or allegations against
- those students, taken into custody, or engaged with law
- enforcement personnel in any process that creates a law
- 24 enforcement record of that contact with law enforcement
- 25 personnel or processes.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 100-204, eff. 8-18-17; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)

- 1 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.85 new)
- 2 Sec. 10-20.85. School safety officers.
- 3 (a) In this Section, "school safety officer" means a
 4 retired law enforcement officer who has been hired by a school
- 5 district to perform security services.
- 6 (b) Beginning January 1, 2025, a school district may
- 7 employ a school safety officer with jurisdiction only on
- 8 school grounds. Prior to beginning employment, the school
- 9 safety officer must provide the school district a certificate
- of completion or approved waiver issued by the Illinois Law
- 11 Enforcement Training Standards Board under Section 10.25 of
- the Illinois Police Training Act.
- 13 (c) A school safety officer shall wear a uniform that
- 14 clearly identifies the officer as a school safety officer. A
- 15 <u>school district may issue a badge fo</u>r school safety officers,
- but the badge must clearly state that the individual is a
- 17 school safety officer and indicate the school to which the
- 18 officer is assigned.
- 19 (d) A school safety officer may detain a person when the
- officer has reasonable suspicion to believe that an offense,
- 21 other than an ordinance violation, is being committed and
- 22 until an arrest by a law enforcement agency or administrative
- action by the school.
- 24 (e) A school safety officer may carry a firearm as long as
- 25 the officer received firearm certification under Section 10.25

- of the Illinois Police Training Act.
- 2 (f) A school board may require a school safety officer to
- 3 wear an officer-worn body camera when on duty.
- 4 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.6) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.6)
- 5 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 102-466)
- 6 Sec. 10-22.6. Suspension or expulsion of pupils; school
- 7 searches.
- (a) To expel pupils guilty of gross disobedience or 8 9 misconduct, including gross disobedience or misconduct 10 perpetuated by electronic means, pursuant to subsection (b-20) 11 of this Section, and no action shall lie against them for such 12 expulsion. Expulsion shall take place only after the parents 1.3 have been requested to appear at a meeting of the board, or 14 with a hearing officer appointed by it, to discuss their 15 child's behavior. Such request shall be made by registered or 16 certified mail and shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. The board, or a hearing officer appointed by it, 17 at such meeting shall state the reasons for dismissal and the 18 date on which the expulsion is to become effective. If a 19 hearing officer is appointed by the board, he shall report to 20 21 the board a written summary of the evidence heard at the 22 meeting and the board may take such action thereon as it finds 23 appropriate. If the board acts to expel a pupil, the written 24 expulsion decision shall detail the specific reasons why 25 removing the pupil from the learning environment is in the

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best interest of the school. The expulsion decision shall also include a rationale as to the specific duration of the expulsion. An expelled pupil may be immediately transferred to an alternative program in the manner provided in Article 13A or 13B of this Code. A pupil must not be denied transfer because of the expulsion, except in cases in which such transfer is deemed to cause a threat to the safety of students or staff in the alternative program.

by policy to authorize (b) Τo suspend or superintendent of the district or the principal, assistant principal, or dean of students of any school to suspend pupils guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct, or to suspend pupils quilty of gross disobedience or misconduct on the school bus from riding the school bus, pursuant to subsections (b-15) and (b-20) of this Section, and no action shall lie against them for such suspension. The board may by policy authorize the superintendent of the district or the principal, assistant principal, or dean of students of any school to suspend pupils guilty of such acts for a period not to exceed 10 school days. If a pupil is suspended due to gross disobedience or misconduct on a school bus, the board may suspend the pupil in excess of 10 school days for safety reasons.

Any suspension shall be reported immediately to the parents or guardian of a pupil along with a full statement of the reasons for such suspension and a notice of their right to

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a review. The school board must be given a summary of the notice, including the reason for the suspension and the suspension length. Upon request of the parents or guardian, the school board or a hearing officer appointed by it shall review such action of the superintendent or principal, assistant principal, or dean of students. At such review, the parents or guardian of the pupil may appear and discuss the suspension with the board or its hearing officer. If a hearing officer is appointed by the board, he shall report to the board a written summary of the evidence heard at the meeting. After its hearing or upon receipt of the written report of its hearing officer, the board may take such action as it finds appropriate. If a student is suspended pursuant to this subsection (b), the board shall, in the written suspension decision, detail the specific act of gross disobedience or misconduct resulting in the decision to suspend. suspension decision shall also include a rationale as to the specific duration of the suspension. A pupil who is suspended in excess of 20 school days may be immediately transferred to an alternative program in the manner provided in Article 13A or 13B of this Code. A pupil must not be denied transfer because of the suspension, except in cases in which such transfer is deemed to cause a threat to the safety of students or staff in the alternative program.

(b-5) Among the many possible disciplinary interventions and consequences available to school officials, school

exclusions, such as out-of-school suspensions and expulsions, are the most serious. School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and it is recommended that they use them only for legitimate educational purposes. To ensure that students are not excluded from school unnecessarily, it is recommended that school officials consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline prior to using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions.

(b-10) Unless otherwise required by federal law or this Code, school boards may not institute zero-tolerance policies by which school administrators are required to suspend or expel students for particular behaviors.

(b-15) Out-of-school suspensions of 3 days or less may be used only if the student's continuing presence in school would pose a threat to school safety or a disruption to other students' learning opportunities. For purposes of this subsection (b-15), "threat to school safety or a disruption to other students' learning opportunities" shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the school board or its designee. School officials shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve such threats, address such disruptions, and minimize the length of suspensions to the greatest extent practicable.

(b-20) Unless otherwise required by this Code, out-of-school suspensions of longer than 3 days, expulsions, and disciplinary removals to alternative schools may be used

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only if other appropriate and available behavioral disciplinary interventions have been exhausted and the student's continuing presence in school would either (i) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community or (ii) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school. For purposes of this subsection (b-20), "threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community" and "substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school" shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by school officials. For purposes of this subsection (b-20), the determination of whether "appropriate available behavioral and disciplinary interventions have been exhausted" shall be made by school officials. School officials shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve such threats, address such disruptions, and minimize the length of student exclusions to the greatest extent practicable. Within the suspension decision described in subsection (b) of this Section or the expulsion decision described in subsection (a) of this Section, it shall be documented whether other interventions were attempted or whether it was determined that there were no other appropriate and available interventions.

(b-25) Students who are suspended out-of-school for longer than 4 school days shall be provided appropriate and available support services during the period of their suspension. For purposes of this subsection (b-25), "appropriate and available

- 1 support services" shall be determined by school authorities.
- 2 Within the suspension decision described in subsection (b) of
- 3 this Section, it shall be documented whether such services are
- 4 to be provided or whether it was determined that there are no
- 5 such appropriate and available services.
- A school district may refer students who are expelled to
- 7 appropriate and available support services.
- 8 A school district shall create a policy to facilitate the
- 9 re-engagement of students who are suspended out-of-school,
- 10 expelled, or returning from an alternative school setting.
- 11 (b-30) A school district shall create a policy by which
- 12 suspended pupils, including those pupils suspended from the
- school bus who do not have alternate transportation to school,
- 14 shall have the opportunity to make up work for equivalent
- 15 academic credit. It shall be the responsibility of a pupil's
- parent or guardian to notify school officials that a pupil
- 17 suspended from the school bus does not have alternate
- 18 transportation to school.
- 19 (c) A school board must invite a representative from a
- local mental health agency to consult with the board at the
- 21 meeting whenever there is evidence that mental illness may be
- the cause of a student's expulsion or suspension.
- 23 (c-5) School districts shall make reasonable efforts to
- 24 provide ongoing professional development to teachers,
- 25 administrators, school board members, school resource
- officers, school safety officers, and staff on the adverse

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- 1 consequences of school exclusion and justice-system 2 involvement, effective classroom management strategies, 3 culturally responsive discipline, the appropriate available supportive services for the promotion of student 5 attendance and engagement, and developmentally appropriate disciplinary methods that promote positive and healthy school 6 7 climates.
 - (d) The board may expel a student for a definite period of time not to exceed 2 calendar years, as determined on a case-by-case basis. A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year:
 - (1) A firearm. For the purposes of this Section, "firearm" means any gun, rifle, shotgun, weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012. The expulsion period under this subdivision (1) may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.
 - (2) A knife, brass knuckles or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily

harm, including "look alikes" of any firearm as defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection (d). The expulsion requirement under this subdivision (2) may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.

Expulsion or suspension shall be construed in a manner consistent with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. A student who is subject to suspension or expulsion as provided in this Section may be eligible for a transfer to an alternative school program in accordance with Article 13A of the School Code.

(d-5) The board may suspend or by regulation authorize the superintendent of the district or the principal, assistant principal, or dean of students of any school to suspend a student for a period not to exceed 10 school days or may expel a student for a definite period of time not to exceed 2 calendar years, as determined on a case-by-case basis, if (i) that student has been determined to have made an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel, (ii) the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and (iii) the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because

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- (e) To maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities may inspect and search places and areas such as lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school, as well as personal effects left in those places and areas by students, without notice to or the consent of the student, and without a search warrant. As a matter of public policy, the General Assembly finds that students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places and areas or in their personal effects left in these places and areas. School authorities may request the assistance of law enforcement officials for the purpose of conducting inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs. If a search conducted in accordance with this Section produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law, local ordinance, or the school's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized by school authorities, disciplinary action may be taken. School authorities may also turn over such evidence to law enforcement authorities.
- (f) Suspension or expulsion may include suspension or expulsion from school and all school activities and a

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- 1 prohibition from being present on school grounds.
- 2 (g) A school district may adopt a policy providing that if 3 a student is suspended or expelled for any reason from any public or private school in this or any other state, the 4 5 student must complete the entire term of the suspension or expulsion in an alternative school program under Article 13A 6 7 of this Code or an alternative learning opportunities program 8 under Article 13B of this Code before being admitted into the 9 school district if there is no threat to the safety of students or staff in the alternative program. 10
- 11 (h) School officials shall not advise or encourage 12 students to drop out voluntarily due to behavioral or academic 13 difficulties.
 - (i) A student may not be issued a monetary fine or fee as a disciplinary consequence, though this shall not preclude requiring a student to provide restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
 - (j) Subsections (a) through (i) of this Section shall apply to elementary and secondary schools, charter schools, special charter districts, and school districts organized under Article 34 of this Code.
 - (k) The expulsion of children enrolled in programs funded under Section 1C-2 of this Code is subject to the requirements under paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Section 2-3.71 of this Code.
- 26 (1) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, an in-school

- 1 suspension program provided by a school district for any
- 2 students in kindergarten through grade 12 may focus on
- 3 promoting non-violent conflict resolution and positive
- 4 interaction with other students and school personnel. A school
- 5 district may employ a school social worker or a licensed
- 6 mental health professional to oversee an in-school suspension
- 7 program in kindergarten through grade 12.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-539, eff. 8-20-21;
- 9 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
- 10 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 102-466)
- 11 Sec. 10-22.6. Suspension or expulsion of pupils; school
- 12 searches.
- 13 (a) To expel pupils guilty of gross disobedience or
- 14 misconduct, including gross disobedience or misconduct
- perpetuated by electronic means, pursuant to subsection (b-20)
- of this Section, and no action shall lie against them for such
- 17 expulsion. Expulsion shall take place only after the parents
- 18 or guardians have been requested to appear at a meeting of the
- 19 board, or with a hearing officer appointed by it, to discuss
- 20 their child's behavior. Such request shall be made by
- 21 registered or certified mail and shall state the time, place
- 22 and purpose of the meeting. The board, or a hearing officer
- appointed by it, at such meeting shall state the reasons for
- 24 dismissal and the date on which the expulsion is to become
- 25 effective. If a hearing officer is appointed by the board, he

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То suspend or by policy to authorize superintendent of the district or the principal, assistant principal, or dean of students of any school to suspend pupils quilty of gross disobedience or misconduct, or to suspend pupils quilty of gross disobedience or misconduct on the school bus from riding the school bus, pursuant to subsections (b-15) and (b-20) of this Section, and no action shall lie against them for such suspension. The board may by policy authorize the superintendent of the district or the principal, assistant principal, or dean of students of any school to suspend pupils guilty of such acts for a period not to exceed 10 school days. If a pupil is suspended due to gross disobedience or misconduct on a school bus, the board may

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suspension shall be reported immediately to Any parents or quardians of a pupil along with a full statement of the reasons for such suspension and a notice of their right to a review. The school board must be given a summary of the notice, including the reason for the suspension and the suspension length. Upon request of the parents or quardians, the school board or a hearing officer appointed by it shall review such action of the superintendent or principal, assistant principal, or dean of students. At such review, the parents or guardians of the pupil may appear and discuss the suspension with the board or its hearing officer. If a hearing officer is appointed by the board, he shall report to the board a written summary of the evidence heard at the meeting. After its hearing or upon receipt of the written report of its hearing officer, the board may take such action as it finds appropriate. If a student is suspended pursuant to this subsection (b), the board shall, in the written suspension decision, detail the specific act of gross disobedience or misconduct resulting in the decision to suspend. The suspension decision shall also include a rationale as to the specific duration of the suspension. A pupil who is suspended in excess of 20 school days may be immediately transferred to an alternative program in the manner provided in Article 13A or 13B of this Code. A pupil must not be denied transfer

- because of the suspension, except in cases in which such transfer is deemed to cause a threat to the safety of students or staff in the alternative program.
 - (b-5) Among the many possible disciplinary interventions and consequences available to school officials, school exclusions, such as out-of-school suspensions and expulsions, are the most serious. School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and it is recommended that they use them only for legitimate educational purposes. To ensure that students are not excluded from school unnecessarily, it is recommended that school officials consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline prior to using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions.
 - (b-10) Unless otherwise required by federal law or this Code, school boards may not institute zero-tolerance policies by which school administrators are required to suspend or expel students for particular behaviors.
 - (b-15) Out-of-school suspensions of 3 days or less may be used only if the student's continuing presence in school would pose a threat to school safety or a disruption to other students' learning opportunities. For purposes of this subsection (b-15), "threat to school safety or a disruption to other students' learning opportunities" shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the school board or its designee. School officials shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve

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such threats, address such disruptions, and minimize the length of suspensions to the greatest extent practicable.

(b-20)Unless otherwise required by this Code, out-of-school suspensions of longer than 3 days, expulsions, and disciplinary removals to alternative schools may be used only if other appropriate and available behavioral disciplinary interventions have been exhausted and the student's continuing presence in school would either (i) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community or (ii) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school. For purposes of this subsection (b-20), "threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community" and "substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with operation of the school" shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by school officials. For purposes of this subsection (b-20), the determination of whether "appropriate available behavioral and disciplinary interventions have been exhausted" shall be made by school officials. School officials shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve such threats, address such disruptions, and minimize the length of student exclusions to the greatest extent practicable. Within the suspension decision described in subsection (b) of this Section or the expulsion decision described in subsection (a) of this Section, it shall be documented whether other interventions were attempted or whether it was determined that

1 there were no other appropriate and available interventions.

(b-25) Students who are suspended out-of-school for longer than 4 school days shall be provided appropriate and available support services during the period of their suspension. For purposes of this subsection (b-25), "appropriate and available support services" shall be determined by school authorities. Within the suspension decision described in subsection (b) of this Section, it shall be documented whether such services are to be provided or whether it was determined that there are no such appropriate and available services.

A school district may refer students who are expelled to appropriate and available support services.

A school district shall create a policy to facilitate the re-engagement of students who are suspended out-of-school, expelled, or returning from an alternative school setting.

(b-30) A school district shall create a policy by which suspended pupils, including those pupils suspended from the school bus who do not have alternate transportation to school, shall have the opportunity to make up work for equivalent academic credit. It shall be the responsibility of a pupil's parents or guardians to notify school officials that a pupil suspended from the school bus does not have alternate transportation to school.

(b-35) In all suspension review hearings conducted under subsection (b) or expulsion hearings conducted under subsection (a), a student may disclose any factor to be

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considered in mitigation, including his or her status as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence, as defined in Article 26A. A representative of the parent's or quardian's choice, or of the student's choice if emancipated, must be permitted to represent the student throughout the proceedings and to address the school board or its appointed hearing officer. With the approval of the student's parent or guardian, or of the student emancipated, a support person must be permitted to accompany the student to any disciplinary hearings or proceedings. The representative or support person must comply with any rules of the school district's hearing process. If the representative or support person violates the rules or engages in behavior or advocacy that harasses, abuses, or intimidates either party, a witness, or anyone else in attendance at the hearing, the representative or support person may be prohibited from further participation in the hearing or proceeding. A suspension or expulsion proceeding under this subsection (b-35) must be conducted independently from any ongoing criminal investigation or proceeding, and an absence of pending or possible criminal charges, criminal investigations, or proceedings may not be a factor in school disciplinary decisions.

(b-40) During a suspension review hearing conducted under subsection (b) or an expulsion hearing conducted under subsection (a) that involves allegations of sexual violence by

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- the student who is subject to discipline, neither the student nor his or her representative shall directly question nor have direct contact with the alleged victim. The student who is subject to discipline or his or her representative may, at the discretion and direction of the school board or its appointed hearing officer, suggest questions to be posed by the school board or its appointed hearing officer to the alleged victim.
 - (c) A school board must invite a representative from a local mental health agency to consult with the board at the meeting whenever there is evidence that mental illness may be the cause of a student's expulsion or suspension.
 - (c-5) School districts shall make reasonable efforts to ongoing professional development to teachers. administrators, school board members, school officers, school safety officers, and staff on the adverse consequences of school exclusion and justice-system involvement, effective classroom management strategies, culturally responsive discipline, the appropriate available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement, and developmentally appropriate disciplinary methods that promote positive and healthy school climates.
 - (d) The board may expel a student for a definite period of time not to exceed 2 calendar years, as determined on a case-by-case basis. A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any

- school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year:
 - (1) A firearm. For the purposes of this Section, "firearm" means any gun, rifle, shotgun, weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012. The expulsion period under this subdivision (1) may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.
 - (2) A knife, brass knuckles or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including "look alikes" of any firearm as defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection (d). The expulsion requirement under this subdivision (2) may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.

Expulsion or suspension shall be construed in a manner consistent with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. A student who is subject to suspension or expulsion as provided in this Section may be eligible for a transfer to an alternative school program in accordance with Article 13A of the School Code.

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(d-5) The board may suspend or by regulation authorize the superintendent of the district or the principal, assistant principal, or dean of students of any school to suspend a student for a period not to exceed 10 school days or may expel a student for a definite period of time not to exceed 2 calendar years, as determined on a case-by-case basis, if (i) that student has been determined to have made an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel, (ii) the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and (iii) the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.

(e) To maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities may inspect and search places and areas such as lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school, as well as personal effects left in those places and areas by students, without notice to or the consent of the student, and without a search warrant. As a matter of public policy, the General Assembly finds that students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places and areas or in their personal effects

left in these places and areas. School authorities may request the assistance of law enforcement officials for the purpose of conducting inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs. If a search conducted in accordance with this Section produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law, local ordinance, or the school's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. School authorities may also turn over such evidence to law enforcement authorities.

- (f) Suspension or expulsion may include suspension or expulsion from school and all school activities and a prohibition from being present on school grounds.
- (g) A school district may adopt a policy providing that if a student is suspended or expelled for any reason from any public or private school in this or any other state, the student must complete the entire term of the suspension or expulsion in an alternative school program under Article 13A of this Code or an alternative learning opportunities program under Article 13B of this Code before being admitted into the school district if there is no threat to the safety of students or staff in the alternative program. A school district that adopts a policy under this subsection (g) must include a

- 1 provision allowing for consideration of any mitigating
- 2 factors, including, but not limited to, a student's status as
- 3 a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual
- 4 violence, as defined in Article 26A.
- 5 (h) School officials shall not advise or encourage
- 6 students to drop out voluntarily due to behavioral or academic
- 7 difficulties.
- 8 (i) A student may not be issued a monetary fine or fee as a
- 9 disciplinary consequence, though this shall not preclude
- 10 requiring a student to provide restitution for lost, stolen,
- or damaged property.
- 12 (j) Subsections (a) through (i) of this Section shall
- 13 apply to elementary and secondary schools, charter schools,
- 14 special charter districts, and school districts organized
- under Article 34 of this Code.
- 16 (k) The expulsion of children enrolled in programs funded
- 17 under Section 1C-2 of this Code is subject to the requirements
- under paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Section 2-3.71 of
- 19 this Code.
- 20 (1) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, an in-school
- 21 suspension program provided by a school district for any
- 22 students in kindergarten through grade 12 may focus on
- 23 promoting non-violent conflict resolution and positive
- interaction with other students and school personnel. A school
- 25 district may employ a school social worker or a licensed
- 26 mental health professional to oversee an in-school suspension

repair purposes.

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- 1 program in kindergarten through grade 12.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-466, eff. 7-1-25;
- 3 102-539, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
- 4 (105 ILCS 5/17-2.11) (from Ch. 122, par. 17-2.11)
- Sec. 17-2.11. School board power to levy a tax or to borrow money and issue bonds for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, accessibility, school security, and specified
- 9 (a) Whenever, as a result of any lawful order of any 10 agency, other than a school board, having authority to enforce 11 any school building code applicable to any facility that 12 houses students, or any law or regulation for the protection 1.3 and safety of the environment, pursuant to the Environmental 14 Protection Act, any school district having a population of 15 less than 500,000 inhabitants is required to alter or 16 reconstruct any school building or permanent, fixed equipment; the district may, by proper resolution, levy a tax for the 17 18 purpose of making such alteration or reconstruction, based on 19 a survey report by an architect or engineer licensed in this State, upon all of the taxable property of the district at the 20 21 value as assessed by the Department of Revenue and at a rate 22 not to exceed 0.05% per year for a period sufficient to finance 23 alteration or reconstruction, upon the following 24 conditions:
 - (1) When there are not sufficient funds available in

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fund of the operations and maintenance school district, the school facility occupation tax fund of the district, or the fire prevention and safety fund of the district, as determined by the district on the basis of rules adopted by the State Board of Education, to make such alteration or reconstruction or to purchase and install such permanent, fixed equipment so ordered or determined as necessary. Appropriate school district records must be made available to the State Superintendent of Education, upon request, to confirm this insufficiency.

(2) When a certified estimate of an architect or engineer licensed in this State stating the estimated amount necessary to make the alteration or reconstruction or to purchase and install the equipment so ordered has been secured by the school district, and the estimate has been approved by the regional superintendent of schools having jurisdiction over the district and the State Superintendent of Education. Approval must not be granted for any work that has already started without the prior express authorization of the State Superintendent of Education. If the estimate is not approved or is denied approval by the regional superintendent of schools within 3 months after the date on which it is submitted to him or her, the school board of the district may submit the estimate directly to the State Superintendent of Education for approval or denial.

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In the case of an emergency situation, where the estimated cost to effectuate emergency repairs is less than the amount specified in Section 10-20.21 of this Code, the school district may proceed with such repairs prior to approval by the State Superintendent of Education, but shall comply with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection (a) as soon thereafter as may be as well as Section 10-20.21 of this Code. If the estimated cost to effectuate emergency repairs is greater than the amount specified in Section 10-20.21 of this Code, then the school district shall proceed in conformity with Section 10-20.21 of this Code and with rules established by the State Board of Education to address such situations. The rules adopted by the State Board of Education to deal with these situations shall stipulate that emergency situations must be expedited and given priority consideration. For purposes of this paragraph, an emergency is a situation that presents an imminent and continuing threat to the health and safety of students or other occupants of a facility, requires complete or partial evacuation of a building or part of a building, or consumes one or more of the 5 emergency days built into the adopted calendar of the school or schools or would otherwise be expected to cause such school or schools to fall short of the minimum school calendar requirements.

(b) Whenever any such district determines that it is necessary for energy conservation purposes that any school building or permanent, fixed equipment should be altered or

- reconstructed and that such alterations or reconstruction will be made with funds not necessary for the completion of approved and recommended projects contained in any safety survey report or amendments thereto authorized by Section 2-3.12 of this Act; the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.
 - (c) Whenever any such district determines that it is necessary for accessibility purposes and to comply with the school building code that any school building or equipment should be altered or reconstructed and that such alterations or reconstruction will be made with funds not necessary for the completion of approved and recommended projects contained in any safety survey report or amendments thereto authorized under Section 2-3.12 of this Act, the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.
 - (d) Whenever any such district determines that it is necessary for school security purposes and the related protection and safety of pupils and school personnel that any school building or property should be altered or reconstructed or that security systems and equipment (including but not limited to intercom, early detection and warning, access control and television monitoring systems) should be purchased and installed, and that such alterations, reconstruction or purchase and installation of equipment will be made with funds not necessary for the completion of approved and recommended projects contained in any safety survey report or amendment

thereto authorized by Section 2-3.12 of this Act and will deter and prevent unauthorized entry or activities upon school property by unknown or dangerous persons, assure early detection and advance warning of any such actual or attempted unauthorized entry or activities and help assure the continued safety of pupils and school staff if any such unauthorized entry or activity is attempted or occurs; the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.

If such a school district determines that it is necessary for school security purposes and the related protection and safety of pupils and school staff to hire a school resource officer or that personnel costs for school counselors, mental health experts, school safety officers, or school resource officers are necessary and the district determines that it does not need funds for any of the other purposes set forth in this Section, then the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a).

(e) If a school district does not need funds for other fire prevention and safety projects, including the completion of approved and recommended projects contained in any safety survey report or amendments thereto authorized by Section 2-3.12 of this Act, and it is determined after a public hearing (which is preceded by at least one published notice (i) occurring at least 7 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district and (ii)

- setting forth the time, date, place, and general subject matter of the hearing) that there is a substantial, immediate, and otherwise unavoidable threat to the health, safety, or welfare of pupils due to disrepair of school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or school bus turnarounds and repairs must be made; then the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.
 - (f) For purposes of this Section a school district may replace a school building or build additions to replace portions of a building when it is determined that the effectuation of the recommendations for the existing building will cost more than the replacement costs. Such determination shall be based on a comparison of estimated costs made by an architect or engineer licensed in the State of Illinois. The new building or addition shall be equivalent in area (square feet) and comparable in purpose and grades served and may be on the same site or another site. Such replacement may only be done upon order of the regional superintendent of schools and the approval of the State Superintendent of Education.
 - (g) The filing of a certified copy of the resolution levying the tax when accompanied by the certificates of the regional superintendent of schools and State Superintendent of Education shall be the authority of the county clerk to extend such tax.
 - (h) The county clerk of the county in which any school district levying a tax under the authority of this Section is

- located, in reducing raised levies, shall not consider any such tax as a part of the general levy for school purposes and shall not include the same in the limitation of any other tax rate which may be extended.
- Such tax shall be levied and collected in like manner as all other taxes of school districts, subject to the provisions contained in this Section.
 - (i) The tax rate limit specified in this Section may be increased to .10% upon the approval of a proposition to effect such increase by a majority of the electors voting on that proposition at a regular scheduled election. Such proposition may be initiated by resolution of the school board and shall be certified by the secretary to the proper election authorities for submission in accordance with the general election law.
 - (j) When taxes are levied by any school district for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, and school security purposes as specified in this Section, and the purposes for which the taxes have been levied are accomplished and paid in full, and there remain funds on hand in the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund from the proceeds of the taxes levied, including interest earnings thereon, the school board by resolution shall use such excess and other board restricted funds, excluding bond proceeds and earnings from such proceeds, as follows:
 - (1) for other authorized fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, required safety inspections, school

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- security purposes, sampling for lead in drinking water in schools, and for repair and mitigation due to lead levels in the drinking water supply; or
 - (2) for transfer to the Operations and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of abating an equal amount of operations and maintenance purposes taxes.

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- Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection (j) and subsection (k) of this Section, through June 30, 2021, the school board may, by proper resolution following a public hearing set by the school board or the president of the school board (that is preceded (i) by at least one published notice over the name of the clerk or secretary of the board, occurring at least 7 days and not more than 30 days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district and (ii) by posted notice over the name of the clerk or secretary of the board, at least 48 hours before the hearing, at the principal office of the school board or at the building where the hearing is to be held if a principal office does not exist, with both notices setting forth the time, date, place, and subject matter of the hearing), transfer surplus life safety taxes and interest earnings thereon to the Operations and Maintenance Fund for building repair work.
- (k) If any transfer is made to the Operation and Maintenance Fund, the secretary of the school board shall within 30 days notify the county clerk of the amount of that transfer and direct the clerk to abate the taxes to be extended

- for the purposes of operations and maintenance authorized under Section 17-2 of this Act by an amount equal to such transfer.
 - (1) If the proceeds from the tax levy authorized by this Section are insufficient to complete the work approved under this Section, the school board is authorized to sell bonds without referendum under the provisions of this Section in an amount that, when added to the proceeds of the tax levy authorized by this Section, will allow completion of the approved work.
 - (m) Any bonds issued pursuant to this Section shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of the making of the contract, shall mature within 20 years from date, and shall be signed by the president of the school board and the treasurer of the school district.
 - (n) In order to authorize and issue such bonds, the school board shall adopt a resolution fixing the amount of bonds, the date thereof, the maturities thereof, rates of interest thereof, place of payment and denomination, which shall be in denominations of not less than \$100 and not more than \$5,000, and provide for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all the taxable property in the school district sufficient to pay the principal and interest on such bonds to maturity. Upon the filing in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the school district is located of a certified copy of the resolution, it is the duty of the county

- clerk to extend the tax therefor in addition to and in excess 1
- 2 of all other taxes heretofore or hereafter authorized to be
- 3 levied by such school district.
- (o) After the time such bonds are issued as provided for by
- 5 this Section, if additional alterations or reconstructions are
- required to be made because of surveys conducted by an 6
- 7 architect or engineer licensed in the State of Illinois, the
- 8 district may levy a tax at a rate not to exceed .05% per year
- 9 upon all the taxable property of the district or issue
- 10 additional bonds, whichever action shall be the most feasible.
- 11 (p) This Section is cumulative and constitutes complete
- 12 authority for the issuance of bonds as provided in this
- 13 Section notwithstanding any other statute or law to the
- 14 contrary.
- 15 (q) With respect to instruments for the payment of money
- 16 issued under this Section either before, on, or after the
- 17 effective date of Public Act 86-004 (June 6, 1989), it is, and
- always has been, the intention of the General Assembly (i) 18
- 19 that the Omnibus Bond Acts are, and always have been,
- 20 supplementary grants of power to issue instruments
- accordance with the Omnibus Bond Acts, regardless of any 21
- 22 provision of this Act that may appear to be or to have been
- 23 more restrictive than those Acts, (ii) that the provisions of
- 24 this Section are not a limitation on the supplementary
- 25 authority granted by the Omnibus Bond Acts, and (iii) that
- 26 instruments issued under this Section within the supplementary

- 1 authority granted by the Omnibus Bond Acts are not invalid
- 2 because of any provision of this Act that may appear to be or
- 3 to have been more restrictive than those Acts.
- 4 (r) When the purposes for which the bonds are issued have
- 5 been accomplished and paid for in full and there remain funds
- 6 on hand from the proceeds of the bond sale and interest
- 7 earnings therefrom, the board shall, by resolution, use such
- 8 excess funds in accordance with the provisions of Section
- 9 10-22.14 of this Act.
- 10 (s) Whenever any tax is levied or bonds issued for fire
- 11 prevention, safety, energy conservation, and school security
- 12 purposes, such proceeds shall be deposited and accounted for
- 13 separately within the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17; 101-455, eff. 8-23-19;
- 15 101-643, eff. 6-18-20.)
- 16 (105 ILCS 5/22-85)
- 17 Sec. 22-85. Sexual abuse at schools.
- 18 (a) The General Assembly finds that:
- 19 (1) investigation of a child regarding an incident of
- sexual abuse can induce significant trauma for the child;
- 21 (2) it is desirable to prevent multiple interviews of
- 22 a child at a school; and
- 23 (3) it is important to recognize the role of
- 24 Children's Advocacy Centers in conducting developmentally
- appropriate investigations.

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1 (b) In this Section:

"Alleged incident of sexual abuse" is limited to an incident of sexual abuse of a child that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred (i) on school grounds or during a school activity or (ii) outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

"Appropriate law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement agency whose employees have been involved, in some capacity, with an investigation of a particular alleged incident of sexual abuse.

(c) If a mandated reporter within a school has knowledge of an alleged incident of sexual abuse, the reporter must call the Department of Children and Family Services' hotline established under Section 7.6 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act immediately after obtaining the minimal information necessary to make a report, including the names of the affected parties and the allegations. The State Board of make available materials detailing the Education must. information that is necessary to enable notification to the Department of Children and Family Services of an alleged incident of sexual abuse. Each school must ensure that mandated reporters review the State Board of Education's materials and materials developed by the Department of Children and Family Services and distributed in the school building under Section 7 of the Abused and Neglected Child

- 1 Reporting Act at least once annually.
 - (d) For schools in a county with an accredited Children's Advocacy Center, every alleged incident of sexual abuse that is reported to the Department of Children and Family Services' hotline or a law enforcement agency and is subsequently accepted for investigation must be referred by the entity that received the report to the local Children's Advocacy Center pursuant to that county's multidisciplinary team's protocol under the Children's Advocacy Center Act for investigating child sexual abuse allegations.
 - (e) A county's local Children's Advocacy Center must, at a minimum, do both of the following regarding a referred case of an alleged incident of sexual abuse:
 - (1) Coordinate the investigation of the alleged incident, as governed by the local Children's Advocacy Center's existing multidisciplinary team protocol and according to National Children's Alliance accreditation standards.
 - (2) Facilitate communication between the multidisciplinary team investigating the alleged incident of sexual abuse and, if applicable, the referring school's (i) Title IX officer, or his or her designee, (ii) school resource officer, or (iii) personnel, or (iv) school safety officer leading the school's investigation into the alleged incident of sexual abuse. If a school uses a designated entity to investigate a sexual abuse

allegation, the multidisciplinary team may correspond only with that entity and any reference in this Section to "school" refers to that designated entity. This facilitation of communication must, at a minimum, ensure that all applicable parties have each other's contact information and must share the county's local Children's Advocacy Center's protocol regarding the process of approving the viewing of a forensic interview, as defined under Section 2.5 of the Children's Advocacy Center Act, by school personnel and a contact person for questions relating to the protocol.

- (f) After an alleged incident of sexual abuse is accepted for investigation by the Department of Children and Family Services or a law enforcement agency and while the criminal and child abuse investigations related to that alleged incident are being conducted by the local multidisciplinary team, the school relevant to the alleged incident of sexual abuse must comply with both of the following:
 - (1) It may not interview the alleged victim regarding details of the alleged incident of sexual abuse until after the completion of the forensic interview of that victim is conducted at a Children's Advocacy Center. This paragraph does not prohibit a school from requesting information from the alleged victim or his or her parent or guardian to ensure the safety and well-being of the alleged victim at school during an investigation.

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- (2) If asked by a law enforcement agency or an investigator of the Department of Children and Family Services who is conducting the investigation, it must inform those individuals of any evidence the school has gathered pertaining to an alleged incident of sexual abuse, as permissible by federal or State law.
- After completion of a forensic interview, the multidisciplinary team must notify the school relevant to the alleged incident of sexual abuse of its completion. If, for any reason, a multidisciplinary team determines it will not conduct a forensic interview in a specific investigation, the multidisciplinary team must notify the school as soon as the determination is made. If a forensic interview has not been conducted within 15 calendar days after opening investigation, the school may notify the multidisciplinary team that it intends to interview the alleged victim. No later 10 calendar days after this notification, than multidisciplinary team may conduct the forensic interview and, if the multidisciplinary team does not conduct the interview, the school may proceed with its interview.
- (h) To the greatest extent possible considering student safety and Title IX compliance, school personnel may view the electronic recordings of a forensic interview of an alleged victim of an incident of sexual abuse. As a means to avoid additional interviews of an alleged victim, school personnel must be granted viewing access to the electronic recording of

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a forensic interview conducted at an accredited Children's Advocacy Center for an alleged incident of sexual abuse only if the school receives (i) approval from the multidisciplinary team investigating the case and (ii) informed consent by a child over the age of 13 or the child's parent or quardian. Children's county's local Advocacv Center multidisciplinary team must establish an internal protocol regarding the process of approving the viewing of the forensic interview, and this process and the contact person must be shared with the school contact at the time of the initial facilitation. Whenever possible, the school's viewing of the electronic recording of a forensic interview should be conducted in lieu of the need for additional interviews.

(i) For an alleged incident of sexual abuse that has been accepted for investigation by a multidisciplinary team, if, during the course of its internal investigation and at any after multidisciplinary point during or the team's school determines that it needs investigation, the interview the alleged victim to successfully complete its investigation and the victim is under 18 years of age, a child advocate must be made available to the student and may be present during the school's interview. A child advocate may be school social worker, a school or equally qualified psychologist, or a person in a position the State Board of Education has identified as an appropriate advocate for the student during a school's investigation into an alleged

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- incident of sexual abuse. 1
- 2 (j) The Department of Children and Family Services must 3 notify the relevant school when an agency investigation of an alleged incident of sexual abuse is complete. The notification 5 must include information on the outcome of that investigation.
 - (k) The appropriate law enforcement agency must notify the relevant school when an agency investigation of an alleged incident of sexual abuse is complete or has been suspended. The notification must include information on the outcome of that investigation.
- (1) This Section applies to all schools operating under this Code, including, but not limited to, public schools located in cities having a population of more than 500,000, a school operated pursuant to an agreement with a public school district, alternative schools operated by third parties, an 16 alternative learning opportunities program, a public school 17 administered by a local public agency or the Department of Human Services, charter schools operating under the authority of Article 27A, and non-public schools recognized by the State Board of Education.
- (Source: P.A. 101-531, eff. 8-23-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.) 21
- 22 (105 ILCS 5/22-88)
- Sec. 22-88. Parental notification of law enforcement 23 24 detainment and questioning on school grounds.
- 25 (a) In this Section, "school grounds" means the real

- property comprising an active and operational elementary or secondary school during the regular hours in which school is in session and when students are present.
 - (b) Before detaining and questioning a student on school grounds who is under 18 years of age and who is suspected of committing a criminal act, a law enforcement officer, a school resource officer, school safety officer, or other school security personnel must do all of the following:
 - (1) Ensure that notification or attempted notification of the student's parent or guardian is made.
 - (2) Document the time and manner in which the notification or attempted notification under paragraph (1) occurred.
 - (3) Make reasonable efforts to ensure that the student's parent or guardian is present during the questioning or, if the parent or guardian is not present, ensure that school personnel, including, but not limited to, a school social worker, a school psychologist, a school nurse, a school counselor, or any other mental health professional, are present during the questioning.
 - (4) If practicable, make reasonable efforts to ensure that a law enforcement officer trained in promoting safe interactions and communications with youth is present during the questioning. An officer who received training in youth investigations approved or certified by his or her law enforcement agency or under Section 10.22 of the

- Police Training Act or a juvenile police officer, as defined under Section 1-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of
- 3 1987, satisfies the requirement under this paragraph.
- 4 (c) This Section does not limit the authority of a law 5 enforcement officer to make an arrest on school grounds. This 6 Section does not apply to circumstances that would cause a 7 reasonable person to believe that urgent and immediate action
- 9 (1) Prevent bodily harm or injury to the student or 10 any other person.
- 11 (2) Apprehend an armed or fleeing suspect.
- 12 (3) Prevent the destruction of evidence.

is necessary to do any of the following:

- 13 (4) Address an emergency or other dangerous situation.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 101-478, eff. 8-23-19; 102-197, eff. 7-30-21;
- 15 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 16 (105 ILCS 5/26A-20)
- 17 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a delayed effective date)
- 19 Sec. 26A-20. Review and revision of policies and 20 procedures.
- 21 (a) No later than July 1, 2024 and every 2 years 22 thereafter, each school district must review all existing 23 policies and procedures and must revise any existing policies 24 and procedures that may act as a barrier to the immediate 25 enrollment and re-enrollment, attendance, graduation, and

- success in school of any student who is a student parent, expectant student parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence or any policies or procedures that may compromise a criminal investigation relating to domestic or sexual violence or may re-victimize students. A school district must adopt new policies and procedures, as needed, to implement this Section and to ensure that immediate and effective steps are taken to respond to students who are student parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence.
- (b) A school district's policy must be consistent with the model policy and procedures adopted by the State Board of Education and under Public Act 101-531.
- (c) A school district's policy on the procedures that a student or his or her parent or guardian may follow if he or she chooses to report an incident of alleged domestic or sexual violence must, at a minimum, include all of the following:
 - (1) The name and contact information for domestic or sexual violence and parenting resource personnel, the Title IX coordinator, school and school district resource officers, safety officers, or security, and a community-based domestic or sexual violence organization.
 - (2) The name, title, and contact information for confidential resources and a description of what confidential reporting means.
 - (3) An option for the student or the student's parent

- or guardian to electronically, anonymously, and confidentially report the incident.
 - (4) An option for reports by third parties and bystanders.
 - (5) Information regarding the various individuals, departments, or organizations to whom a student may report an incident of domestic or sexual violence, specifying for each individual or entity (i) the extent of the individual's or entity's reporting obligation to the school's or school district's administration, Title IX coordinator, or other personnel or entity, (ii) the individual's or entity's ability to protect the student's privacy, and (iii) the extent of the individual's or entity's ability to have confidential communications with the student or his or her parent or guardian.
 - (6) The adoption of a complaint resolution procedure as provided in Section 26A-25.
 - (d) A school district must post its revised policies and procedures on its website, distribute them at the beginning of each school year to each student, and make copies available to each student and his or her parent or guardian for inspection and copying at no cost to the student or parent or guardian at each school within a school district.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 102-466, eff. 7-1-25.)

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1 Sec. 27-23.7. Bullying prevention.

(a) The General Assembly finds that a safe and civil school environment is necessary for students to learn and achieve and that bullying causes physical, psychological, and emotional harm to students and interferes with students' ability to learn and participate in school activities. The General Assembly further finds that bullying has been linked to other forms of antisocial behavior, such as vandalism, shoplifting, skipping and dropping out of school, fighting, using drugs and alcohol, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Because of the negative outcomes associated with bullying in schools, the General Assembly finds that school districts, charter schools, and non-public, non-sectarian elementary and secondary schools should educate students, parents, and school district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school personnel about what behaviors constitute prohibited bullying.

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, sexual orientation, gender-related identity or expression, unfavorable discharge from military service, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic is prohibited in all school districts, charter schools, and non-public, non-sectarian elementary and

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- 1 secondary schools. No student shall be subjected to bullying:
 - (1) during any school-sponsored education program or activity;
 - (2) while in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities;
 - (3) through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment; or
 - (4) through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a nonschool-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by a school district or school if the bullying causes а substantial disruption the educational process or orderly operation of a school. This item (4) applies only in cases in which a school administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying through this means has occurred and does not require a district or school to staff or monitor any nonschool-related activity, function, or program.
 - (a-5) Nothing in this Section is intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or under Section 3

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- of Article I of the Illinois Constitution.
- 2 (b) In this Section:

"Bullying" includes "cyber-bullying" and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- (1) placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
- (2) causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
- (3) substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
- (4) substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Bullying, as defined in this subsection (b), may take various forms, including without limitation one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. This list is meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

"Cyber-bullying" means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, including without limitation any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images,

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sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in 1 2 whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photoelectronic system, or photooptical system, including 3 without limitation electronic mail, Internet communications, 5 messages, or facsimile communications. "Cyber-bullying" includes the creation of a webpage or weblog 6 7 in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or 8 the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of 9 posted content or messages if the creation or impersonation 10 creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of 11 bullying in this Section. "Cyber-bullying" also includes the 12 distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic 13 14 medium that may be accessed by one or more persons if the 15 distribution or posting creates any of the effects enumerated 16 in the definition of bullying in this Section.

"Policy on bullying" means a bullying prevention policy that meets the following criteria:

- (1) Includes the bullying definition provided in this Section.
- (2) Includes a statement that bullying is contrary to State law and the policy of the school district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school and is consistent with subsection (a-5) of this Section.
 - (3) Includes procedures for promptly reporting

bullying, including, but not limited to, identifying and providing the school e-mail address (if applicable) and school telephone number for the staff person or persons responsible for receiving such reports and a procedure for anonymous reporting; however, this shall not be construed to permit formal disciplinary action solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

- (4) Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, includes procedures for promptly informing parents or guardians of all students involved in the alleged incident of bullying and discussing, as appropriate, the availability of social work services, counseling, school psychological services, other interventions, and restorative measures.
- (5) Contains procedures for promptly investigating and addressing reports of bullying, including the following:
 - (A) Making all reasonable efforts to complete the investigation within 10 school days after the date the report of the incident of bullying was received and taking into consideration additional relevant information received during the course of the investigation about the reported incident of bullying.
 - (B) Involving appropriate school support personnel and other staff persons with knowledge, experience, and training on bullying prevention, as deemed appropriate, in the investigation process.

- (C) Notifying the principal or school administrator or his or her designee of the report of the incident of bullying as soon as possible after the report is received.
 - (D) Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, providing parents and guardians of the students who are parties to the investigation information about the investigation and an opportunity to meet with the principal or school administrator or his or her designee to discuss the investigation, the findings of the investigation, and the actions taken to address the reported incident of bullying.
- (6) Includes the interventions that can be taken to address bullying, which may include, but are not limited to, school social work services, restorative measures, social-emotional skill building, counseling, school psychological services, and community-based services.
- (7) Includes a statement prohibiting reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying and the consequences and appropriate remedial actions for a person who engages in reprisal or retaliation.
- (8) Includes consequences and appropriate remedial actions for a person found to have falsely accused another of bullying as a means of retaliation or as a means of

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- (9) Is based on the engagement of a range of school stakeholders, including students and parents or guardians.
- (10) Is posted on the school district's, charter school's, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school's existing Internet website, is included in the student handbook, and, where applicable, posted where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are currently posted in the school and provided periodically throughout the school year to students and faculty, and is distributed annually to parents, guardians, students, and school personnel, including new employees when hired.
- As part of the process of reviewing (11)re-evaluating the policy under subsection (d) of this Section, contains a policy evaluation process to assess the outcomes and effectiveness of the policy that includes, but is not limited to, factors such as the frequency of victimization; student, staff, and family observations of safety at a school; identification of areas of a school where bullying occurs; the types of bullying utilized; and bystander intervention or participation. The school district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school may use relevant data and information it already collects in the policy evaluation. purposes information developed as a result of the policy evaluation

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must be made available on the Internet website of the school district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school. If an Internet website is not available, the information must be provided to school administrators, school board members, school personnel, parents, guardians, and students.

(12) Is consistent with the policies of the school board, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school.

"Restorative measures" means a continuum of school-based alternatives to exclusionary discipline, such as suspensions and expulsions, that: (i) are adapted to the particular needs of the school and community, (ii) contribute to maintaining school safety, (iii) protect the integrity of a positive and productive learning climate, (iv) teach students the personal and interpersonal skills they will need to be successful in and society, (v) serve to build and restore school students, families, schools, relationships among communities, (vi) reduce the likelihood of future disruption by balancing accountability with an understanding of students' behavioral health needs in order to keep students in school, and (vii) increase student accountability if the incident of bullying is based on religion, race, ethnicity, or any other category that is identified in the Illinois Human Rights Act.

"School personnel" means persons employed by, on contract with, or who volunteer in a school district, charter school,

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or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school, including without limitation school and school district administrators, teachers, school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, school resource officers, school safety officers, and security guards.

(c) (Blank).

(d) Each school district, charter school, and non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school shall create, maintain, and implement a policy on bullying, which policy must be filed with the State Board of Education. The policy or implementing procedure shall include a process to investigate whether a reported act of bullying is within the permissible scope of the district's or school's jurisdiction and shall require that the district or school provide the victim with information regarding services that are available within the district and community, such as counseling, support services, and other programs. School personnel available for help with a bully or to make a report about bullying shall be made known to parents or legal guardians, students, and school personnel. Every 2 years, each school district, charter school, and non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school shall conduct a review and re-evaluation of its policy and make any necessary and appropriate revisions. No later than September 30 of the subject year, the policy must be filed with the State Board of Education after being updated. The State Board of

- 1 Education shall monitor and provide technical support for the
- 2 implementation of policies created under this subsection (d).
- 3 In monitoring the implementation of the policies, the State
- 4 Board of Education shall review each filed policy on bullying
- 5 to ensure all policies meet the requirements set forth in this
- 6 Section, including ensuring that each policy meets the 12
- 7 criterion identified within the definition of "policy on
- 8 bullying" set forth in this Section.
- 9 If a school district, charter school, or non-public,
- 10 non-sectarian elementary or secondary school fails to file a
- 11 policy on bullying by September 30 of the subject year, the
- 12 State Board of Education shall provide a written request for
- filing to the school district, charter school, or non-public,
- 14 non-sectarian elementary or secondary school. If a school
- 15 district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian
- 16 elementary or secondary school fails to file a policy on
- 17 bullying within 14 days of receipt of the aforementioned
- 18 written request, the State Board of Education shall publish
- notice of the non-compliance on the State Board of Education's
- website.
- 21 (e) This Section shall not be interpreted to prevent a
- 22 victim from seeking redress under any other available civil or
- 23 criminal law.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 102-197, eff. 7-30-21; 102-241, eff. 8-3-21;
- 25 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-894, eff. 5-20-22.)

- 1 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.57)
- 2 Sec. 34-18.57. Booking stations on school grounds.
- 3 (a) There shall be no student booking station established 4 or maintained on the grounds of any school.
 - (b) This prohibition shall be applied to student booking stations only, as defined in this Section. The prohibition does not prohibit or affect the establishment or maintenance of any place operated by or under the control of law enforcement personnel, school resource officers, school safety officers, or other security personnel that does not also qualify as a student booking station as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Section. The prohibition does not affect or limit the powers afforded law enforcement officers to perform their duties within schools as otherwise prescribed by law.
 - (c) When the underlying suspected or alleged criminal act is an act of violence, and isolation of a student or students is deemed necessary to the interest of public safety, and no other location is adequate for secure isolation of the student or students, offices as described in paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Section may be employed to detain students for a period no longer than that required to alleviate that threat to public safety.
- 24 (d) As used in this Section, "student booking station"
 25 means a building, office, room, or any indefinitely
 26 established space or site, mobile or fixed, which operates

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- 1 concurrently as:
- 2 (1) predominantly or regularly a place of operation 3 for municipal police department, county sheriff а department, or other law enforcement agency, or under the 4 5 primary control thereof; and
- site at which students are detained 7 connection with criminal charges or allegations against those students, taken into custody, or engaged with law enforcement personnel in any process that creates a law enforcement record of that contact with law enforcement personnel or processes.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 100-204, eff. 8-18-17; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)
- Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes 1.3 14 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text 15 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section 16 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes 17 18 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other Public Act. 19
- 20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 21 becoming law.