

SB2761



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/16/2024, by Sen. Michael W. Halpin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Judicial Domestic Violence Training Act. Requires the Judicial Education Division of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to develop and implement a domestic violence continuing education program for judges and relevant court personnel. Provides that the continuing education program shall be required training for all judges every 2 years and shall be held at every biennial Education Conference and every new judge seminar.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Judicial Domestic Violence Training Act.

6 Section 5. Education and training program.

7 (a) The Judicial Education Division of the Administrative
8 Office of the Illinois Courts shall develop and implement a
9 domestic violence continuing education program for judges and
10 relevant court personnel. The continuing education program
11 shall:

12 (1) be provided by professionals with substantial
13 experience in assisting survivors of domestic violence;

14 (2) rely on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research by
15 recognized experts; and

16 (3) be designed to improve the ability of the courts
17 to recognize and respond to physical abuse, sexual abuse,
18 domestic violence, and trauma and to make appropriate
19 decisions that prioritize the safety and well-being of
20 victims and household members and are culturally sensitive
21 and appropriate for diverse communities.

22 (b) The continuing education program described in this
23 Section shall include, but is not limited to, information on

1 the following subjects:

2 (1) the nature, extent, and causes of domestic
3 violence;

4 (2) the lethality of domestic violence;

5 (3) physical abuse, emotional abuse, and coercive
6 control;

7 (4) implicit and explicit biases toward parties
8 involved in domestic violence;

9 (5) trauma and the short and long term impacts of
10 domestic violence on the victim and household members;

11 (6) behavioral patterns and relationship dynamics
12 within the cycle of violence;

13 (7) the increased vulnerability of victims who are
14 gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, low-income, minority
15 or immigrant;

16 (8) culturally responsive approaches to serving
17 victims and courtroom treatment of victims;

18 (9) procedures designed to promote the safety of the
19 victim and household members;

20 (10) resources available to victims and household
21 members; and

22 (11) civil rights and legal remedies available to
23 victims and household members.

24 (c) The continuing education program described in this
25 Section shall be required training for all judges every 2
26 years and shall be held at every biennial Education Conference

1 and every New Judge Seminar.

2 (d) Documentation showing completion of the class shall be
3 submitted to and recorded by the Administrative Office of the
4 Illinois Courts and shall be made available to the public upon
5 request.