

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 27-23.7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7 new)

7 Sec. 27-23.7. Bullying prevention education.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that bullying has a negative
9 effect on the social environment of schools, creates a climate
10 of fear among students, inhibits their ability to learn, and
11 leads to other antisocial behavior. Bullying behavior has been
12 linked to other forms of antisocial behavior, such as
13 vandalism, shoplifting, skipping and dropping out of school,
14 fighting, using drugs and alcohol, sexual harassment, and
15 sexual violence.

16 (b) In this Section, "bullying prevention" means and
17 includes instruction in all of the following:

18 (1) Intimidation.

19 (2) Student victimization.

20 (3) Sexual harassment.

21 (4) Sexual violence.

22 (5) Strategies for student-centered problem solving
23 regarding bullying.

24 (c) Each school district may make suitable provisions for
25 instruction in bullying prevention in all grades and include
26 such instruction in the courses of study regularly taught
27 therein. A school board may collaborate with a community-based
28 agency providing specialized curricula in bullying prevention
29 whose ultimate outcome is to prevent sexual violence. The State
30 Board of Education may assist in the development of
31 instructional materials and teacher training in relation to
32 bullying prevention.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.