



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5400

Introduced 2/5/2010, by Rep. Constance A. Howard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.4
30 ILCS 805/8.34 new

Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning violence prevention and conflict resolution education, changes language to provide that school districts shall provide for a period of not less than 3 weeks per calendar year on instruction in violence prevention and conflict resolution education for grades 6 through 12 (rather than grades 4 through 12) and may include the instruction in the social studies courses of study. Provides that school districts must provide in-service instruction for teachers to assist them in implementing the program. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt rules necessary for administration of the program. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 changing Section
5 27-23.4 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.4)

7 Sec. 27-23.4. Violence prevention and conflict resolution
8 education. School districts shall provide for a period of not
9 less than 3 weeks per calendar year on instruction in violence
10 prevention and conflict resolution education for grades 6 4
11 through 12 and may include such instruction in the social
12 studies courses of study ~~regularly taught therein~~. School
13 districts may give regular school credit for satisfactory
14 completion by the student of such courses.

15 As used in this Section, "violence prevention and conflict
16 resolution education" means and includes instruction in the
17 following:

- 18 (1) The consequences of violent behavior.
- 19 (2) The causes of violent reactions to conflict.
- 20 (3) Nonviolent conflict resolution techniques.
- 21 (4) The relationship between drugs, alcohol and
22 violence.

23 The State Board of Education shall prepare and make

1 available to all school boards instructional materials that may
2 be used as guidelines for development of a violence prevention
3 program under this Section; provided however that each school
4 board shall determine the appropriate curriculum for
5 satisfying the requirements of this Section. The State Board of
6 Education shall assist in training teachers to provide
7 effective instruction in the violence prevention curriculum.

8 The State Board of Education and local school boards shall
9 not be required to implement the provisions of this Section
10 unless grants of funds are made available and are received
11 after July 1, 1993 from private sources or from the federal
12 government in amounts sufficient to enable the State Board and
13 local school boards to meet the requirements of this Section.
14 Any funds received by the State or a local educational agency
15 pursuant to the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and
16 Communities Act of 1994 shall first be applied or appropriated
17 to meet the requirements and implement the provisions of this
18 Section.

19 School districts must provide in-service instruction for
20 teachers to assist them in implementing this Section.

21 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules necessary
22 for administration of this Section.

23 (Source: P.A. 88-248; 89-146, eff. 7-14-95.)

24 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
25 Section 8.34 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 805/8.34 new)

2 Sec. 8.34. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
3 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
4 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
5 the 96th General Assembly.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.