



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB1458

Introduced 2/6/2015, by Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-80 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that (i) prior to being asked any question or being requested to make any statement while in the presence of a police officer, a student must be informed of the right not to answer any question or to make any statement in the presence of a police officer; (ii) prior to being asked any question or being requested to make any statement while in the presence of a police officer, a student must be informed of the right to have a parent, a guardian, a school social worker, or an attorney present during such questioning or request for a statement; (iii) prior to being asked any question or being requested to make any statement while in the presence of a police officer, a student must be informed that any information given in the presence of a police officer may result in an arrest and in the issuing of a summons and may be used in school discipline and in criminal prosecution; (iv) prior to the presence of a police officer during the questioning of a student or of a request for a statement, the school principal shall approve the presence of the police officer during the questioning of or while making a request for any statement from the student; and (v) prior to the presence of a police officer during the questioning of or while making a request for any statement from a student, a parent or guardian of the student must be given notification of the opportunity to be present during the questioning. Sets forth provisions concerning the notification and tracking and reporting data. Effective July 1, 2015.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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 22-80 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-80 new)

7 Sec. 22-80. Student Bill of Rights.

8 (a) It is the policy of this State to eliminate the
9 criminalization of minor instances of student misconduct in
10 schools, to prevent police questioning and police presence
11 during questioning of students in schools without prior
12 explanation to the students of their right to refuse to answer
13 questions, and to provide parents with reasonable
14 opportunities to be present during police questioning and
15 police presence during questioning of students in schools.
16 Pursuant to these purposes, it is the policy of this State to
17 ensure that school administrators carefully consider the needs
18 of each student when determining whether to involve a school
19 resource officer or another sworn police officer in a student
20 disciplinary matter. It is also the policy of this State that
21 providing the rights specified in this Section to individual
22 students be balanced with the need for schools to maintain the
23 safety of all students.

1 (b) In this Section:

2 "Emergency situation" means action by a student that
3 poses a substantial risk of imminent harm to the student or
4 to other persons. Examples of such actions are possessing a
5 firearm, possessing an explosive substance or device,
6 possessing a knife with a blade in excess of 3 inches, and
7 possessing a controlled substance in a quantity that
8 indicates an intent to sell pursuant to State law.

9 "Notification" means use of a telephone call, voice
10 mail, text, e-mail or any other means known by the school
11 to be a means to contact a person and by using all such
12 means until at least one means is successful or until all
13 are tried without success.

14 "Opportunity to be present" means a point in time no
15 sooner than 24 hours after notification.

16 "Police officer" means any sworn police officer,
17 including without limitation a sworn officer known as a
18 school resource officer or known by any other term for a
19 sworn officer assigned to a school.

20 "Presence of a police officer" means any situation in
21 which a police officer is in the physical presence of a
22 student or when a police officer can, by any means, see a
23 student or hear a statement made by a student.

24 "School" means a public school.

25 "Student" means a public school student.

26 (c) Prior to being asked any question or being requested to

1 make any statement while in the presence of a police officer, a
2 student must be informed of the right not to answer any
3 question or to make any statement in the presence of a police
4 officer.

5 (d) Prior to being asked any question or being requested to
6 make any statement while in the presence of a police officer, a
7 student must be informed of the right to have a parent, a
8 guardian, a school social worker, or an attorney present during
9 such questioning or request for a statement.

10 (e) Prior to being asked any question or being requested to
11 make any statement while in the presence of a police officer, a
12 student must be informed that any information given in the
13 presence of a police officer may result in an arrest and in the
14 issuing of a summons and may be used in school discipline and
15 in criminal prosecution.

16 (f) Prior to the presence of a police officer during the
17 questioning of a student or of a request for a statement, the
18 school principal shall approve the presence of the police
19 officer during the questioning of or while making a request for
20 any statement from the student.

21 (g) Prior to the presence of a police officer during the
22 questioning of or while making a request for any statement from
23 a student, a parent or guardian of the student must be given
24 notification of the opportunity to be present during the
25 questioning, except that, in the case of an emergency
26 situation, the parent or guardian must be given notification of

1 the opportunity to be present no later than simultaneous with
2 the initiation of the questioning or with the request for a
3 statement. Notification is not required if the student is 18
4 years of age or older, is an emancipated minor, or is being
5 questioned as the victim of a crime.

6 (h) Except in the case of conduct that involves a
7 continuing threat of harm to students or property and
8 information to mitigate or eliminate the possible harm can be
9 obtained by questioning, a parent, guardian, school social
10 worker, or attorney shall have up to 24 hours after
11 notification to be present when a student is questioned or
12 asked to make a statement in the presence of a police officer,
13 and the student must not be questioned or asked to make a
14 statement until the sooner of the presence of a parent,
15 guardian, school social worker, or attorney or 24 hours have
16 elapsed after notification to the parent or guardian.

17 (i) Schools shall track arrests, summonses, and
18 notifications. Before July 1, 2016 and before each July 1
19 thereafter, each school district shall submit to its school
20 board a report with data from the preceding school year that
21 includes all of the following:

22 (1) The number of notifications made by the school.

23 (2) The number of students charged for crimes committed
24 on school property.

25 (3) The race, age, ethnicity, and disability status of
26 each student arrested or issued a summons for each charge.

1 (4) The offense for which the student, identified only
2 by his or her race, age, ethnicity, and disability status,
3 has been arrested.

4 No student's name or identifiable information other than
5 the information listed in this subsection (i) may be included
6 in the report. The school board shall electronically submit
7 this report to the State Board of Education on or before August
8 1 of each year.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
10 2015.