



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0786

by Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 1205/8-23a new

Amends the Park District Code. Prohibits a park district from knowingly engaging a volunteer who has been convicted of or found to be a child sex offender. Provides that every park district shall require volunteers to complete an application prior to beginning work as a volunteer, which shall include a question concerning whether they have been convicted of or found to be a child sex offender. Provides that if a current volunteer is convicted of or found to be a child sex offender, the volunteer shall immediately disclose the conviction or finding to the park district. Provides for penalties for a volunteer who fails to disclose his or her sex offender status. Defines "volunteer" to mean any individual who, without compensation or benefits, reports to, and is under the direct supervision of, a park district's administrative staff and provides personal services to a park district recreational program that is offered to children. Effective immediately.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Park District Code is amended by adding
5 Section 8-23a as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1205/8-23a new)

7 Sec. 8-23a. Application for volunteers; disclosure of
8 child sex offenses; penalty for failure to disclose.

9 (a) For purposes of this Section:

10 "Child sex offender" has the meaning provided in paragraph
11 (1) of subsection (d) of Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of
12 2012.

13 "Volunteer" means any individual who without compensation
14 or benefits reports to, and is under the direct supervision of,
15 a park district's administrative staff and provides personal
16 services to a park district recreational program that is
17 offered to children.

18 (b) Every park district shall require volunteers to
19 complete an application prior to beginning any work as a
20 volunteer. The application shall include, but shall not be
21 limited to, a question for the applicant to answer concerning
22 whether they have been convicted of or found to be a child sex
23 offender. No park district shall knowingly engage a volunteer

1 who has been convicted of or found to be a child sex offender
2 and shall terminate the services of the volunteer upon
3 discovery of such an offender.

4 (c) If a current volunteer with a park district is
5 convicted of or found to be a child sex offender, the volunteer
6 shall immediately disclose the conviction or finding to the
7 park district.

8 (d) Failure of a volunteer to disclose that they are a
9 child sex offender pursuant to this Section is a Class A
10 misdemeanor, except that a second or subsequent violation is a
11 Class 4 felony. Any person convicted of a violation under this
12 subsection shall, in addition to any other penalty required by
13 law, be required to serve a minimum period of 7 days
14 confinement in the local county jail, and the court shall
15 impose a mandatory minimum fine of \$500. These fines shall be
16 deposited in the Sex Offender Registration Fund.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.