



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

55 ILCS 5/3-6023

from Ch. 34, par. 3-6023

105 ILCS 5/10-20.68 new

105 ILCS 5/34-18.61 new

210 ILCS 85/7.7 new

Creates the Safe Spaces in Public Places Act. Defines terms. Provides that beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, each institution of higher learning must install and operate a walk-through metal detector at each public entrance of the institution and during any special event on any campus of the institution if more than 1,000 people are present at the event. Amends the Officers and Employees Article of the Counties Code. Provides that as part of his or her duty to maintain the security of a courthouse, a sheriff shall maintain a walk-through metal detector at each point of entry into the courthouse. Provides that a courthouse shall ensure that all members of the public, other than employees of the county or individuals who display proper credentials, who enter the courthouse at a point of entry are subjected to screening by a walk-through metal detector. Amends the School Code. Provides that beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school board shall require each school under its authority to install and operate a walk-through metal detector at all public entrances of the school. Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that a hospital shall maintain a metal detector at each point of entry into the hospital; defines "point of entry". Provides that a hospital shall ensure that all members of the public, other than the employees of the hospital who display proper credentials, who enter the hospital at a point of entry are subjected to screening by a metal detector. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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 Safe  
5 Spaces in Public Places Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Institution of higher learning" or "institution" has the  
8 meaning given to that term under the Higher Education Student  
9 Assistance Act.

10 "Public entrance" means the main entrance to each building,  
11 gymnasium, or football stadium of an institution of higher  
12 learning. "Public entrance" does not include a service  
13 entrance, secondary door, or bus loading zone entrance.

14 Section 10. Metal detectors required.

15 (a) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, each  
16 institution of higher learning must install and operate a  
17 walk-through metal detector at each public entrance of the  
18 institution and at all entrances open to the public during any  
19 special event on any campus of the institution if more than  
20 1,000 people are present at the event.

21 (b) In consultation and cooperation with the Board of  
22 Higher Education, the Department of State Police shall provide

1 training to employees of the institution in the use of  
2 walk-through metal detectors and the protocol for responding if  
3 contraband is detected with the use of a walk-through metal  
4 detector.

5 (c) The Board of Higher Education shall, subject to  
6 appropriation, make grants available to each institution of  
7 higher learning to assist in the purchase and operation of  
8 walk-through metal detectors under this Act.

9 Section 50. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
10 Section 3-6023 as follows:

11 (55 ILCS 5/3-6023) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-6023)

12 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 100-987)

13 Sec. 3-6023. Attendance at courts. Each sheriff shall, in  
14 person or by deputy, county corrections officer, or court  
15 security officer, attend upon all courts held in his or her  
16 county when in session, and obey the lawful orders and  
17 directions of the court, and shall maintain the security of the  
18 courthouse. As part of this duty, the sheriff shall maintain a  
19 walk-through metal detector at each point of entry into the  
20 courthouse. A courthouse shall ensure that all members of the  
21 public, other than employees of the county or individuals who  
22 display proper credentials, who enter the courthouse at a point  
23 of entry are subjected to screening by a walk-through metal  
24 detector. Court services customarily performed by sheriffs

1 shall be provided by the sheriff or his or her deputies, county  
2 corrections officers, or court security officers, rather than  
3 by employees of the court, unless there are no deputies, county  
4 corrections officers, or court security officers available to  
5 perform such services. The expenses of the sheriff in carrying  
6 out his or her duties under this Section, including the  
7 compensation of deputies, county corrections officers, or  
8 court security officers assigned to such services, shall be  
9 paid to the county from fees collected pursuant to court order  
10 for services of the sheriff and from any court services fees  
11 collected by the county pursuant to Section 5-1103, as now or  
12 hereafter amended; except that the Department of State Police  
13 shall, subject to appropriation, make grants available to  
14 assist in the purchase and operation of walk-through metal  
15 detectors.

16 (Source: P.A. 89-685, eff. 6-1-97; 89-707, eff. 6-1-97.)

17 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 100-987)

18 Sec. 3-6023. Attendance at courts. Each sheriff shall, in  
19 person or by deputy, county corrections officer, or court  
20 security officer, attend upon all courts held in his or her  
21 county when in session, and obey the lawful orders and  
22 directions of the court, and shall maintain the security of the  
23 courthouse. As part of this duty, the sheriff shall maintain a  
24 walk-through metal detector at each point of entry into the  
25 courthouse. A courthouse shall ensure that all members of the

1 public, other than employees of the county or individuals who  
2 display proper credentials, who enter the courthouse at a point  
3 of entry are subjected to screening by a walk-through metal  
4 detector. Court services customarily performed by sheriffs  
5 shall be provided by the sheriff or his or her deputies, county  
6 corrections officers, or court security officers, rather than  
7 by employees of the court, unless there are no deputies, county  
8 corrections officers, or court security officers available to  
9 perform such services. The expenses of the sheriff in carrying  
10 out his or her duties under this Section, including the  
11 compensation of deputies, county corrections officers, or  
12 court security officers assigned to such services, shall be  
13 paid to the county from fees collected pursuant to court order  
14 for services of the sheriff and from any court services fees  
15 collected by the county under the Criminal and Traffic  
16 Assessment Act; except that the Department of State Police  
17 shall, subject to appropriation, make grants available to  
18 assist in the purchase and operation of walk-through metal  
19 detectors.

20 (Source: P.A. 100-987, eff. 7-1-19.)

21 Section 55. The School Code is amended by adding Sections  
22 10-20.68 and 34-18.61 as follows:

23 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.68 new)

24 Sec. 10-20.68. Metal detectors required.

1       (a) In this Section, "public entrance" means the main  
2 entrance of a school building, gymnasium, or football stadium.  
3 "Public entrance" does not include a service entrance,  
4 secondary door, or school bus loading zone entrance.

5       (b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school  
6 board shall require each school under its authority to install  
7 and operate a walk-through metal detector at all public  
8 entrances of the school. A school board shall also require each  
9 school to install and operate a walk-through metal detector at  
10 all entrances open to the public during any special event on  
11 the grounds of the school if more than 1,000 people are present  
12 at the event.

13       (c) In consultation and cooperation with the State Board of  
14 Education, the Department of State Police shall provide  
15 training to members of school personnel in the use of  
16 walk-through metal detectors and the protocol for responding if  
17 contraband is detected with the use of a walk-through metal  
18 detector.

19       (d) The State Board of Education shall, subject to  
20 appropriation, make grants available to a school district to  
21 assist in the purchase and operation of walk-through metal  
22 detectors under this Section.

23       (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
24 implement this Section.

1       Sec. 34-18.61. Metal detectors required.

2       (a) In this Section, "public entrance" means the main  
3 entrance of a school building, gymnasium, or football stadium.  
4 "Public entrance" does not include a service entrance,  
5 secondary door, or school bus loading zone entrance.

6       (b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the board  
7 shall require each school under its authority to install and  
8 operate a walk-through metal detector at all public entrances  
9 of the school. The board shall also require each school to  
10 install and operate a walk-through metal detector at all  
11 entrances open to the public during any special event on the  
12 grounds of the school if more than 1,000 people are present at  
13 the event.

14       (c) In consultation and cooperation with the State Board of  
15 Education, the Department of State Police shall provide  
16 training to members of school personnel in the use of  
17 walk-through metal detectors and the protocol for responding if  
18 contraband is detected with the use of a walk-through metal  
19 detector.

20       (d) The State Board of Education shall, subject to  
21 appropriation, make grants available to the school district to  
22 assist in the purchase and operation of walk-through metal  
23 detectors under this Section.

24       (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
25 implement this Section.

1 Section 60. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding  
2 Section 7.7 as follows:

3 (210 ILCS 85/7.7 new)

4 Sec. 7.7. Metal detectors required.

5 (a) In this Section, "point of entry" means an entrance  
6 accessible to the public. "Point of entry" does not include an  
7 ambulance entrance.

8 (b) A hospital licensed under this Act shall maintain a  
9 metal detector at each point of entry into the hospital. A  
10 hospital shall ensure that all members of the public, other  
11 than the employees of the hospital who display proper  
12 credentials, who enter the hospital at a point of entry are  
13 subjected to screening by a metal detector. Individuals subject  
14 to screening under this Section shall include, but not be  
15 limited to, individuals in wheelchairs.

16 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
17 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
18 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
19 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
20 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
21 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
22 Public Act.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.