



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5507

by Rep. Barbara Hernandez

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.73 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.66 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school shall notify the parent or guardian of a student who threatens to commit suicide and notify the parent or guardian of a student who searches the Internet, using an electronic device provided by the school, for information or terms related to suicide. Requires a school to maintain a record of the notice to the parent or guardian. Provides that at the request of a parent or guardian, a school may provide information and make recommendations related to an incident or threat. Provides that the school shall inform the parent of the availability of social work services, counseling, and other interventions and shall provide those services at the request of the parent or guardian. Provides for expungement of the record.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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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 adding Sections
5 10-20.73 and 34-18.66 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.73 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.73. Notification of suicidal threats.

8 (a) A school shall:

9 (1) notify the parent or guardian of a student who
10 threatens to commit suicide; and

11 (2) notify the parent or guardian of a student who
12 searches the Internet, using an electronic device provided
13 by the school, for information or terms related to suicide.

14 (b) If a school notifies a parent or guardian of an
15 incident or threat required to be reported under subsection
16 (a), the school shall produce and maintain a record that
17 verifies that the parent or guardian was notified of the
18 incident or threat. The school shall maintain the record
19 described in this subsection in accordance with the
20 requirements of State law; the Family Educational Rights and
21 Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; and 34 CFR Part 99.

22 (c) A school board shall adopt a policy regarding the
23 process for:

1 (1) notifying a parent or guardian as required in
2 subsection (a); and

3 (2) producing and retaining a record that verifies that
4 a parent or guardian was notified of an incident or threat
5 as required in subsection (a).

6 (d) At the request of a parent or guardian, a school may
7 provide information and make recommendations related to an
8 incident or threat described in subsection (a). The school
9 shall inform the parent or guardian of the availability of
10 social work services, mental health services, counseling, and
11 other interventions and shall provide those services at the
12 request of the parent or guardian.

13 (e) A school shall:

14 (1) provide a student a copy of a record maintained in
15 accordance with this Section that relates to the student if
16 the student requests a copy of the record; and

17 (2) expunge a record maintained in accordance with this
18 Section that relates to a student if the student has
19 graduated from high school and requests that the record be
20 expunged.

21 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.66 new)

22 Sec. 34-18.66. Threats of suicide.

23 (a) A school shall:

24 (1) notify the parent or guardian of a student who
25 threatens to commit suicide; and

1 (2) notify the parent or guardian of a student who
2 searches the Internet, using an electronic device provided
3 by the school, for information or terms related to suicide.

4 (b) If a school notifies a parent or guardian of an
5 incident or threat required to be reported under subsection
6 (a), the school shall produce and maintain a record that
7 verifies that the parent or guardian was notified of the
8 incident or threat. The school shall maintain the record
9 described in this subsection in accordance with the
10 requirements of State law; the Family Educational Rights and
11 Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; and 34 CFR Part 99.

12 (c) The board shall adopt a policy regarding the process
13 for:

14 (1) notifying a parent or guardian as required in
15 subsection (a); and

16 (2) producing and retaining a record that verifies that
17 a parent or guardian was notified of an incident or threat
18 as required in subsection (a).

19 (d) At the request of a parent or guardian, a school may
20 provide information and make recommendations related to an
21 incident or threat described in subsection (a). The school
22 shall inform the parent or guardian of the availability of
23 social work services, mental health services, counseling, and
24 other interventions and shall provide those services at the
25 request of the parent or guardian.

26 (e) A school shall:

1 (1) provide a student a copy of a record maintained in
2 accordance with this Section that relates to the student if
3 the student requests a copy of the record; and

4 (2) expunge a record maintained in accordance with this
5 Section that relates to a student if the student has
6 graduated from high school and requests that the record be
7 expunged.