

# HB3771



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Maura Hirschauer

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2310/2310-475 new

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall ensure that any physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or health care provider who sees or treats children 6 years of age or younger shall assess those children for their access to unsecured firearms when those children reside in a home that has firearms. Provides that children residing in a home that does not contain firearms shall be evaluated for risk by the Childhood Firearm Access Risk Questionnaire developed by the Department and assessed if indicated. Provides that children shall be evaluated in accordance with rules adopted by the Department. Makes other changes. Effective January 1, 2024.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 2310-475 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-475 new)

8 Sec. 2310-475. Safe gun storage; pediatricians;  
9 dissemination by the Department.

10 (a) The Department shall ensure that any physician  
11 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or health  
12 care provider who sees or treats children 6 years of age or  
13 younger shall assess those children for their access to  
14 unsecured firearms when those children reside in a home that  
15 has firearms. Children residing in a home that does not  
16 contain firearms shall be evaluated for risk by the Childhood  
17 Firearm Access Risk Questionnaire developed by the Department  
18 and assessed if indicated. Children shall be evaluated in  
19 accordance with rules adopted by the Department.

20 (b) The Department shall ensure that each licensed,  
21 registered, or approved health care facility serving children  
22 6 years of age or younger, including, but not limited to,  
23 health departments, hospitals, clinics, and health maintenance

1 organizations approved, registered, or licensed by the  
2 Department, shall take the appropriate steps to ensure that  
3 children 6 years of age or younger be evaluated for risk of  
4 access to unsecured firearms.

5 (c) The Department shall adopt rules to assess whether  
6 children 7 years and older and pregnant persons may also be  
7 evaluated for risk of access to unsecured firearms by  
8 physicians or health care providers. The Department shall also  
9 ensure that physicians and health care providers shall  
10 evaluate children for access to unsecured firearms with the  
11 school health examination, as required under the School Code,  
12 when, in the medical judgment of the physician, advanced  
13 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, the child  
14 is potentially at high risk of access to firearms.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
16 1, 2024.