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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4274

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4274 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 2310-666 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-666 new)

8 Sec. 2310-666. School tick removal guidelines and form.

9 (a) The Department of Public Health, in consultation with
10 the State Board of Education, shall do all of the following no
11 later than July 1, 2025:

12 (1) Issue guidelines on how to remove and safely store
13 a tick.

14 (2) Publish the guidelines issued under paragraph (1)
15 and the model form issued under paragraph (4) on the
16 Department of Public Health's website.

1 (3) Provide public testing lab information to schools.
2 The lab must have the capability to provide test results
3 to parents or guardians.

4 (4) Issue a model form as provided in subsection (b)
5 that schools shall send to parents or guardians of
6 students who have been identified as having been bitten by
7 a tick.

8 (5) Make available to schools, upon request, tick
9 removal kits consisting of tweezers, bandages, a sealable
10 plastic bag, an alcohol wipe, repellent wipes, an
11 information card, and a tick identification card.

12 (b) The form issued under paragraph (4) of subsection (a)
13 shall be in substantially the following form:

14 "A tick was identified on your child today. We
15 attempted to contact you and (were/were not) successful.
16 The tick (has/has not) been removed by school staff. Ticks
17 can transmit disease and make people sick. Common
18 illnesses caused by ticks in Illinois are Lyme disease and
19 Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

20 Due to the high incidences of tick-borne diseases
21 discovered in Illinois through tick surveillance, the
22 school will preserve the tick for 3 school days so that
23 you, as the parent or guardian, may send the tick to a lab
24 for testing. A handout is included with this form
25 providing information on how you may submit the tick to a
26 lab for testing. However, you may give the school

1 permission to dispose of the tick before the 3 school-day
2 period has expired.

3 After 3 school days, the school may dispose of the
4 tick.

5 Not all tick bites lead to tick-borne diseases.

6 You should record the date on which the tick was
7 removed.

8 It is recommended that you promptly seek medical
9 treatment for your child from your child's health care
10 provider if you notice any early signs or symptoms of
11 illness within 3 to 30 days after the date of removal.

12 Some people with Lyme disease will get a bullseye
13 rash. Others may have an atypical rash. Not everyone who
14 has Lyme disease will get a rash. Other symptoms that may
15 occur during the early state of Lyme disease include
16 chills, fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck, joint pain
17 or swelling, and swollen lymph nodes. Lyme disease is
18 treated with antibiotics. If untreated, infection may
19 progress to joint, heart, brain, or nerve abnormalities.

20 Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) is a bacterial
21 disease spread through the bite of an infected tick. Most
22 people who get sick with RMSF will have a fever, headache,
23 and rash. RMSF can be deadly if not treated early with the
24 right antibiotic. Early signs and symptoms are not
25 specific to RMSF, including fever and headache. However,
26 the disease can rapidly progress to a serious and

1 life-threatening illness. See your child's health care
2 provider if your child becomes ill after having been
3 bitten by a tick or having been in the woods or in areas
4 with high brush where ticks commonly live. Signs and
5 symptoms may include fever, headache, rash, nausea,
6 vomiting, stomach pain, muscle pain, and lack of appetite.

7 Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever are not
8 the only tick-borne diseases with which an individual can
9 be infected after being bitten by a tick."

10 Section 10. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
11 10-20.87 and 34-18.87 as follows:

12 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.87 new)

13 Sec. 10-20.87. Tick removal.

14 (a) Before the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year,
15 each school district shall establish the following procedures
16 on tick removal consistent with guidelines developed by the
17 Department of Public Health under Section 2310-666 of the
18 Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil
19 Administrative Code of Illinois:

20 (1) to contact a parent or guardian of the student as
21 soon as is practicable after a tick on a student is
22 identified. If a tick is identified on a student, and a
23 parent or guardian is unable to be reached, the school
24 nurse, an administrator, or a designated individual shall

1 be allowed to remove the tick

2 (2) to train on proper tick removal and providing
3 equipment for proper tick removal to school nurses,
4 administrators, and other designated individuals;

5 (3) to require that a form be sent home with the
6 student who was identified as having been bitten by a
7 tick. The form sent home shall meet the requirements of
8 the form issued by the Department of Public Health under
9 Section 2310-666 of the Department of Public Health Powers
10 and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
11 Illinois; and

12 (4) to require, in addition to the form provided under
13 paragraph (3), the school to provide the parent or
14 guardian with an information sheet from the federal
15 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the
16 Department of Public Health regarding the signs and
17 symptoms of Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever
18 and testing labs for ticks.

19 (b) If a tick is removed at a school, the school shall
20 preserve the tick for 3 school days so that the parent or
21 guardian may send the tick to a lab for testing and shall
22 provide information to the parent or guardian on how to send
23 the tick to a lab for testing. However, the parent or guardian
24 may give the school permission to dispose of the tick before
25 the 3 school-day period has expired.

26 (c) A school district and its employees and agents may not

1 be held liable, except for willful or wanton conduct, as a
2 result of any injury arising from the removal of a tick if the
3 removal of the tick was conducted following the guidelines
4 issued by the Department of Public Health under Section
5 2310-666 of the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties
6 Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

7 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.87 new)

8 Sec. 34-18.87. Tick removal.

9 (a) Before the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, the
10 district shall establish the following procedures on tick
11 removal consistent with guidelines developed by the Department
12 of Public Health under Section 2310-666 of the Department of
13 Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil
14 Administrative Code of Illinois:

15 (1) to contact a parent or guardian of the student as
16 soon as is practicable after a tick on a student is
17 identified. If a tick is identified on a student, and a
18 parent or guardian is unable to be reached, the school
19 nurse, an administrator, or a designated individual shall
20 be allowed to remove the tick

21 (2) to train on proper tick removal and providing
22 equipment for proper tick removal to school nurses,
23 administrators, and other designated individuals;

24 (3) to require that a form be sent home with the
25 student who was identified as having been bitten by a

1 tick. The form sent home shall meet the requirements of
2 the form issued by the Department of Public Health under
3 Section 2310-666 of the Department of Public Health Powers
4 and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
5 Illinois; and

6 (4) to require the school to provide the parent or
7 guardian with an information sheet from the federal
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the
9 Department of Public Health regarding the signs and
10 symptoms of Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever
11 and testing labs for ticks.

12 (b) If a tick is removed at a school, the school shall
13 preserve the tick for 3 school days so that the parent or
14 guardian may send the tick to a lab for testing and shall
15 provide information to the parent or guardian on how to send
16 the tick to a lab for testing. However, the parent or guardian
17 may give the school permission to dispose of the tick before
18 the 3 school-day period has expired.

19 (c) The district and its employees and agents may not be
20 held liable, except for willful or wanton conduct, as a result
21 of any injury arising from the removal of a tick if the removal
22 of the tick was conducted following the guidelines issued by
23 the Department of Public Health under Section 2310-666 of the
24 Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil
25 Administrative Code of Illinois."