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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. Tick removal guidelines and form.

9 (a) The Department shall do all of the following no later  
10 than July 1, 2025:

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

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

16 (3) Provide public testing lab information to schools.

1       The lab must have the capability to provide test results  
2       to the parents or guardians of students.

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

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

12       (b) The initial form issued by the Department under  
13       paragraph (4) of subsection (a) shall be in substantially the  
14       following form and may be updated by the Department based on  
15       recommendations from the Lyme Disease Task Force as necessary:

16           "This letter is to inform you that a tick was found and  
17       removed from (student's name) (location on body) on  
18       (date).

19           Due to the high incidences of tick-borne diseases  
20       discovered in Illinois through tick surveillance, the  
21       school will, at your request as the parent or guardian,  
22       preserve the tick for up to 3 school days so that you may  
23       send the tick to a lab for testing. At your request, a  
24       handout will be given to you providing information on how  
25       you may submit the tick to a lab for testing. However, you  
26       may give the school permission to dispose of the tick

1 before the 3 school-day period has expired. After 3 school  
2 days, the school may dispose of the tick.

3 Ticks found in Illinois and other nearby states carry  
4 germs that can transmit disease and make people sick. When  
5 ticks bite and attach, the likelihood of exposure to Lyme  
6 disease increases with the length of time the tick is  
7 attached. Symptoms of Lyme disease include a bullseye rash  
8 or atypical rash, chills, fever, headache, tiredness,  
9 stiff neck, joint pain or swelling, and swollen lymph  
10 nodes. A bullseye rash occurs only in 70% to 80% of  
11 infected persons.

12 The most common illnesses caused by ticks that bite  
13 and attach for less than 24 hours include spotted fever  
14 group rickettsiosis, ehrlichiosis, and anaplasmosis.  
15 Symptoms of these illnesses may be similar to Lyme disease  
16 but may also include spotted rash, nausea, vomiting,  
17 diarrhea, and loss of appetite.

18 It is recommended that you call your child's health  
19 care provider if you notice any signs or symptoms of  
20 illness, such as a skin rash, fever, or flu-like symptoms  
21 for up to one month following the tick bite. Most  
22 tickborne diseases can be treated with antibiotics if  
23 recognized and diagnosed promptly.

24 For more information about ticks and how to prevent  
25 bites visit: (the Department of Public Health's website on  
26 tickborne illnesses). If you have any questions regarding

1       your child's health, call your child's health care  
2       provider.

3               Sincerely,

4               (Signature)

5               (Title)"

6               Section 10. The School Code is amended by adding Sections  
7       10-20.87 and 34-18.87 as follows:

8               (105 ILCS 5/10-20.87 new)

9               Sec. 10-20.87. Tick removal.

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

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

24              (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 board shall establish procedures on tick removal consistent  
11 with guidelines developed by the Department of Public Health  
12 under Section 2310-666 of the Department of Public Health  
13 Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of  
14 Illinois.

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

23 (c) The school district and its employees and agents may  
24 not be held liable, except for willful or wanton conduct, as a  
25 result of any injury arising from the removal of a tick if the

1 removal of the tick was conducted following the guidelines  
2 issued by the Department of Public Health under Section  
3 2310-666 of the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties  
4 Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois."