



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB0018

Introduced 1/19/2007, by Rep. Lou Lang

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23.7
30 ILCS 805/8.31 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning 180 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, each school district shall create and maintain a policy on bullying, which policy must be filed with the State Board of Education. Provides that the policy must be updated every 2 years and filed with the State Board after being updated. Provides that the State Board shall monitor the implementation of these policies. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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 changing Section
5 27-23.7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7)

7 Sec. 27-23.7. Bullying prevention education.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that bullying has a negative
9 effect on the social environment of schools, creates a climate
10 of fear among students, inhibits their ability to learn, and
11 leads to other antisocial behavior. Bullying behavior has been
12 linked to other forms of antisocial behavior, such as
13 vandalism, shoplifting, skipping and dropping out of school,
14 fighting, using drugs and alcohol, sexual harassment, and
15 sexual violence.

16 (b) In this Section, "bullying prevention" means and
17 includes instruction in all of the following:

18 (1) Intimidation.

19 (2) Student victimization.

20 (3) Sexual harassment.

21 (4) Sexual violence.

22 (5) Strategies for student-centered problem solving
23 regarding bullying.

1 (c) Each school district may make suitable provisions for
2 instruction in bullying prevention in all grades and include
3 such instruction in the courses of study regularly taught
4 therein. A school board may collaborate with a community-based
5 agency providing specialized curricula in bullying prevention
6 whose ultimate outcome is to prevent sexual violence. The State
7 Board of Education may assist in the development of
8 instructional materials and teacher training in relation to
9 bullying prevention.

10 (d) Beginning 180 days after the effective date of this
11 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, each school
12 district shall create and maintain a policy on bullying, which
13 policy must be filed with the State Board of Education. The
14 policy must be updated every 2 years and filed with the State
15 Board of Education after being updated. The State Board of
16 Education shall monitor the implementation of policies created
17 under this subsection (d).

18 (Source: P.A. 94-937, eff. 6-26-06.)

19 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
20 Section 8.31 as follows:

21 (30 ILCS 805/8.31 new)

22 Sec. 8.31. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
23 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
24 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of

1 the 95th General Assembly.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.