

SB2738



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Introduced 2/15/2008, by Sen. Dan Cronin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.148 new

Amends the School Code. Creates the SafeCall program, to be implemented by the State Board of Education, to provide students, teachers, other school employees, and the community with the means to relay information anonymously concerning dangerous, violent, or criminal activities to appropriate law enforcement or public safety agencies through a single electronic hotline. Provides that records and information created or obtained through implementation of the SafeCall hotline are confidential. Provides for a penalty for a person who discloses the records or information. Effective July 1, 2008.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

FISCAL NOTE ACT
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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 adding Section
5 2-3.148 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.148 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.148. SafeCall program.

8 (a) The General Assembly declares that the ability to
9 anonymously report information about dangerous, violent, or
10 criminal activities before or after they have occurred is
11 critical in reducing these types of events in schools. The
12 State SafeCall program created under this Section empowers
13 students, teachers, other school employees, and the community
14 by allowing them to easily provide anonymous information about
15 dangerous, violent, or criminal activities to appropriate law
16 enforcement and public safety agencies through a single
17 electronic hotline.

18 (b) In this Section, "SafeCall program" means a program
19 that has as its primary purpose to provide students, teachers,
20 other school employees, and the community with the means to
21 relay information anonymously concerning dangerous, violent,
22 or criminal activities to appropriate law enforcement or public
23 safety agencies through a single electronic hotline.

1 (c) There is created the SafeCall program, to be
2 implemented by the State Board of Education, which shall do the
3 following:

4 (1) establish a method to ensure that the identity of a
5 person who provides information concerning dangerous,
6 violent, or criminal activities to the hotline remains
7 unknown to all persons and entities, including law
8 enforcement officers and employees operating the hotline;

9 (2) establish a method to ensure that, if the identity
10 of a person who provides information to the hotline becomes
11 known, whether through voluntary disclosure or any other
12 means, the identity is not further disclosed;

13 (3) assist law enforcement agencies and other public
14 safety organizations in the detection of dangerous,
15 violent, or criminal activities and the apprehension of
16 offenders or at-risk persons by promptly forwarding
17 information received concerning dangerous, violent, or
18 criminal activities to the appropriate law enforcement or
19 public safety agency;

20 (4) foster the detection of dangerous, violent, or
21 criminal activities and encourage students, teachers, and
22 other school employees to report information about such
23 activities to the hotline; and

24 (5) encourage local media providers to promote the
25 hotline by informing the public of its functions and
26 benefits.

1 (d) Records and information created or obtained through
2 implementation of the SafeCall hotline are confidential, and no
3 person shall disclose the records or information except as
4 otherwise permitted under this Section to carry out the
5 purposes of the SafeCall program. Any person who knowingly
6 discloses confidential records or information in violation of
7 this Section commits a Class A misdemeanor.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
9 2008.