



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

SB1535

Introduced 2/18/2009, by Sen. Gary G. Dahl

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Education Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health, subject to appropriation, shall establish the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Education Program to promote public awareness of the syndrome and the importance of early detection, diagnosis, and treatment. Provides that the Department shall work with lawyers, judges, arbitrators, health care providers, local public health agencies, and other appropriate agencies to coordinate and promote professional education programs. Provides that the Department may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the purposes of carrying out its duties under the Act.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Reflex  
5 Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Education Act.

6 Section 5. Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Education  
7 Program.

8 (a) In this Act, "syndrome" means Reflex Sympathetic  
9 Dystrophy Syndrome, a chronic neurologic syndrome of unknown  
10 etiology characterized by severe burning pain, pathological  
11 changes in bone and skin, tissue swelling, and extreme  
12 sensitivity to touch that, if untreated, results in permanent  
13 deformity and chronic pain.

14 (b) The Department of Public Health, subject to  
15 appropriation, shall establish the Reflex Sympathetic  
16 Dystrophy Syndrome Education Program to promote public  
17 awareness of the syndrome and the importance of early  
18 detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

19 (c) The program shall promote public awareness of the  
20 syndrome through written materials and other forms of  
21 communication designed to provide education about the  
22 syndrome. The program shall distribute information that  
23 includes:

- 1           (1) the nature and possible causes of the syndrome;
- 2           (2) risk factors that may contribute to the
- 3           manifestation of the syndrome;
- 4           (3) available treatment options, including the risks
- 5           and benefits of treatment; and
- 6           (4) the availability of diagnostic, treatment, and
- 7           support services in this State.

8           (d) The Department shall work with lawyers, judges,

9           arbitrators, health care providers, local public health

10          agencies, and other appropriate agencies to coordinate and

11          promote professional education programs that will educate

12          health care professionals about:

- 13           (1) current research about the syndrome;
- 14           (2) the nature of the syndrome;
- 15           (3) diagnostic procedures;
- 16           (4) medical and surgical treatment options; and
- 17           (5) the availability of diagnostic, treatment, and
- 18          support services in Illinois communities.

19          (e) The Department may accept gifts, grants, and donations

20          from any source for the purposes of carrying out its duties

21          under this Act.