

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 27-23.4 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.4)

7 Sec. 27-23.4. Violence prevention and conflict resolution
8 education. School districts shall provide instruction in
9 violence prevention and conflict resolution education for
10 grades kindergarten 4 through 12 and may include such
11 instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein.
12 School districts may give regular school credit for
13 satisfactory completion by the student of such courses.

14 As used in this Section, "violence prevention and conflict
15 resolution education" means and includes instruction in the
16 following:

- 17 (1) The consequences of violent behavior.
- 18 (2) The causes of violent reactions to conflict.
- 19 (3) Nonviolent conflict resolution techniques.
- 20 (4) The relationship between drugs, alcohol and
21 violence.

22 The State Board of Education shall prepare and make
23 available to all school boards instructional materials that may

1 be used as guidelines for development of a violence prevention
2 program under this Section, ~~+~~ provided ~~however~~ that each school
3 board shall determine the appropriate curriculum for
4 satisfying the requirements of this Section. The State Board of
5 Education shall assist in training teachers to provide
6 effective instruction in the violence prevention curriculum.

7 The State Board of Education and local school boards shall
8 not be required to implement the provisions of this Section
9 unless grants of funds are made available and are received
10 after July 1, 1993 from private sources or from the federal
11 government in amounts sufficient to enable the State Board and
12 local school boards to meet the requirements of this Section.
13 Any funds received by the State or a local educational agency
14 pursuant to the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and
15 Communities Act of 1994 shall first be applied or appropriated
16 to meet the requirements and implement the provisions of this
17 Section.

18 (Source: P.A. 88-248; 89-146, eff. 7-14-95.)

19 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
20 Section 8.35 as follows:

21 (30 ILCS 805/8.35 new)

22 Sec. 8.35. 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 97th General Assembly.

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