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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-75 new

Amends the School Code. Creates the Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force. Requires the Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force to develop a statewide effective and feasible prevention course for high school students designed to prevent interpersonal, adolescent violence based on the Step Back Program at Oak Park and River Forest High School. Sets forth the duties of the task force, the composition of the task force, and the underlying purposes of the task force. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 22-75 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-75 new)

7 Sec. 22-75. The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force.

8 (a) There is hereby created the Eradicate Domestic Violence
9 Task Force. The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force shall
10 develop a statewide effective and feasible prevention course
11 for high school students designed to prevent interpersonal,
12 adolescent violence based on the Step Back Program for boys and
13 girls. The State Board of Education shall provide
14 administrative staff and support to the task force.

15 (b) The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force shall do the
16 following:

17 (1) Conduct meetings to evaluate the effectiveness and
18 feasibility of statewide implementation of the curricula
19 of the Step Back Program at Oak Park and River Forest High
20 School, located in Cook County, Illinois, for the
21 prevention of domestic violence.

22 (2) Invite the testimony of and confer with experts on
23 relevant topics as needed.

1 (3) Propose content for integration into school
2 curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence.

3 (4) Propose the curricula content that should be
4 mandatory versus voluntary to best provide the desired
5 result of eradication of domestic violence.

6 (5) Propose a method of training facilitators on the
7 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence.

8 (6) Propose partnerships with anti-violence agencies
9 to assist with the facilitator roles and the nature of the
10 partnerships.

11 (7) Evaluate the approximate cost per school or school
12 district to implement and maintain school curricula aimed
13 at preventing domestic violence.

14 (8) Propose a funding source or sources to support
15 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence and
16 agencies that provide training to the facilitators, such as
17 a fee to be charged in domestic violence, sexual assault,
18 and related cases to be collected by the clerk of the court
19 for deposit into a special fund in the State treasury and
20 to be used to fund a proposed eradicate domestic violence
21 program in the schools of this State.

22 (9) Propose an evaluation structure to ensure that the
23 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence is
24 effectively taught by trained facilitators.

25 (10) Propose a method of evaluation for the purpose of
26 modifying the content of the curriculum over time,

1 including whether studies of the program should be
2 conducted by the University of Illinois' Interpersonal
3 Violence Prevention Information Center.

4 (11) Recommend legislation developed by the task
5 force, such as amending to Sections 27-5 through 27-13.3,
6 27-23.4, and 27-23.7 of this Code, and legislation to
7 create a fee to be charged in domestic violence, sexual
8 assault, and related cases to be collected by the clerk of
9 court for deposit into a special fund in the State treasury
10 and to be used to fund a proposed eradicate domestic
11 violence program in the schools of this State.

12 (12) Produce a report of the task force's findings on
13 best practices and policies, which shall include a plan
14 with a phased and prioritized implementation timetable for
15 implementation of school curricula aimed at preventing
16 domestic violence in schools. The task force shall submit a
17 report to the General Assembly on or before April 1, 2013
18 on its findings, recommendations, and implementation plan.
19 Any task force reports must be published on the State Board
20 of Education's Internet website on the date the report is
21 delivered to the General Assembly.

22 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives shall each appoint one co-chairperson
24 of the Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force. In addition to
25 the 2 co-chairpersons, the task force shall be comprised of the
26 following members, appointed by the State Board of Education,

1 and shall be representative of the geographic, racial, ethnic,
2 and cultural diversity of this State:

3 (1) Two representatives of Sarah's Inn, a nonprofit,
4 nongovernmental domestic violence prevention specialist
5 and service provider.

6 (2) A representative of the Interpersonal Violence
7 Prevention Information Center at the University of
8 Illinois at Chicago.

9 (3) A representative of the Illinois Coalition Against
10 Domestic Violence, a statewide nonprofit, nongovernmental,
11 domestic violence organization.

12 (4) A representative of the Chicago Metropolitan
13 Battered Women's Network, a nonprofit, nongovernmental,
14 domestic violence organization.

15 (5) Two representatives of the Illinois Coalition
16 Against Sexual Assault, a statewide nonprofit,
17 nongovernmental, sexual assault organization.

18 (6) A representative of Rape Victim Advocates, a
19 nonprofit, nongovernmental, sexual assault organization.

20 (7) A representative of Rape Aggression Defense
21 Systems, a nonprofit, nongovernmental, physical
22 self-defense organization.

23 (8) The State Superintendent of Education or his or her
24 designee.

25 (9) The Chief Executive Officer of City of Chicago
26 School District 299 or his or her designee or the President

1 of the Chicago Board of Education or his or her designee.

2 (10) Two representatives of Oak Park and River Forest
3 High School in Cook County, Illinois.

4 (11) A representative of the Department of Human
5 Services.

6 (12) A representative of the Illinois Association of
7 Chiefs of Police.

8 (13) A representative of the Chicago Police
9 Department, Youth Services Division.

10 (14) The Clerk of the Circuit Court for the First
11 Judicial District or his or her designee.

12 (d) The following underlying purposes should be liberally
13 construed by the task force convened under this Section:

14 (1) Recognize that, according to the Centers for
15 Disease Control and Prevention, National Intimate Partner
16 and Sexual Violence Survey, December 2010 Summary Report,
17 on average 24 people per minute are victims of rape,
18 physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in
19 the United States, equaling more than 12 million women and
20 men.

21 (2) Recognize that abused children and children
22 exposed to domestic violence in their homes may have short
23 and long-term physical, emotional, and learning problems,
24 including increased aggression, decreased responsiveness
25 to adults, failure to thrive, posttraumatic stress
26 disorder, depression, anxiety, hyper vigilance and

1 hyperactivity, eating and sleeping problems, and
2 developmental delays, according to the Journal of
3 Interpersonal Violence and the Futures Without Violence
4 organization.

5 (3) Recognize that the Illinois Violence Prevention
6 Authority has found that children exposed to violence in
7 the media may become numb to the horror of violence, may
8 gradually accept violence as a way to solve problems, may
9 imitate the violence they see, and may identify with
10 certain characters, victims, or victimizers.

11 (4) Recognize that crimes and the incarceration of
12 youth are often associated with a history of child abuse
13 and exposure to domestic violence, according to Futures
14 Without Violence.

15 (5) Recognize that the cost of prosecuting crime in
16 this State is unnecessarily high due to a lack of
17 prevention programs designed to eradicate domestic
18 violence.

19 (6) Recognize that sexual violence, stalking, and
20 intimate partner violence are serious and widespread
21 public health problems for children and adults in this
22 State.

23 (7) Recognize that intervention programs aimed at
24 preventing domestic violence may yield better results than
25 programs aimed at treating the victims of domestic
26 violence, because treatment programs may reduce the

1 likelihood that a particular woman will be re-victimized,
2 but might not otherwise reduce the overall amount of
3 domestic violence.

4 (8) Recognize that uniform, effective, feasible, and
5 widespread prevention of sexual violence and intimate
6 partner violence is a high priority in this State.

7 (9) Recognize that the Step Back Program at Oak Park
8 and River Forest High School in Cook County, Illinois, is a
9 daily, 6 to 9 week, 45-session, gender-specific, primary
10 prevention course for high school students designed to
11 raise awareness of topics, including dating and domestic
12 violence, bullying and harassment, sexual assault, digital
13 abuse, self-defense, and suicide. The Step Back Program is
14 co-facilitated by the high school and a nonprofit,
15 nongovernmental domestic violence prevention specialist
16 and service provider.

17 (10) Develop a statewide effective prevention course
18 for high school students based on the Step Back Program for
19 boys and girls designed to prevent interpersonal,
20 adolescent violence.

21 (e) Members of the Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force
22 shall receive no compensation for their participation, but may
23 be reimbursed by the State Board of Education for expenses in
24 connection with their participation, including travel, if
25 funds are available.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.