

1 AN ACT regarding education.

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

4 Section 5. The Critical Health Problems and  
5 Comprehensive Health Education Act is amended by changing  
6 Section 3 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 110/3) (from Ch. 122, par. 863)

8 Sec. 3. Comprehensive Health Education Program. The  
9 program established under this Act shall include, but not be  
10 limited to, the following major educational areas as a basis  
11 for curricula in all elementary and secondary schools in this  
12 State: human ecology and health, human growth and  
13 development, the emotional, psychological, physiological,  
14 hygienic and social responsibilities of family life,  
15 including sexual abstinence until marriage, prevention and  
16 control of disease, including instruction in grades 6 through  
17 12 on the prevention, transmission and spread of AIDS, public  
18 and environmental health, consumer health, safety education  
19 and disaster survival, mental health and illness, including  
20 instruction in secondary schools on clinical depression and  
21 suicide prevention, personal health habits, alcohol, drug  
22 use, and abuse including the medical and legal ramifications  
23 of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use, abuse during pregnancy,  
24 sexual abstinence until marriage, tobacco, nutrition, and  
25 dental health. Notwithstanding the above educational areas,  
26 the following areas may also be included as a basis for  
27 curricula in all elementary and secondary schools in this  
28 State: basic first aid (including, but not limited to,  
29 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver),  
30 early prevention and detection of cancer, heart disease,  
31 diabetes, stroke, and the prevention of child abuse, neglect,

1 and suicide. The school board of each public elementary and  
2 secondary school in the State is encouraged to have in its  
3 employ, or on its volunteer staff, at least one person who is  
4 certified, by the American Red Cross or by another qualified  
5 certifying agency, as qualified to administer first aid and  
6 cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, each school  
7 board is authorized to allocate appropriate portions of its  
8 institute or inservice days to conduct training programs for  
9 teachers and other school personnel who have expressed an  
10 interest in becoming qualified to administer emergency first  
11 aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation. School boards are  
12 urged to encourage their teachers and other school personnel  
13 who coach school athletic programs and other extracurricular  
14 school activities to acquire, develop, and maintain the  
15 knowledge and skills necessary to properly administer first  
16 aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with  
17 standards and requirements established by the American Red  
18 Cross or another qualified certifying agency. No pupil shall  
19 be required to take or participate in any class or course on  
20 AIDS or family life instruction if his parent or guardian  
21 submits written objection thereto, and refusal to take or  
22 participate in the course or program shall not be reason for  
23 suspension or expulsion of the pupil.

24 Curricula developed under programs established in  
25 accordance with this Act in the major educational area of  
26 alcohol and drug use and abuse shall include classroom  
27 instruction in grades 5 through 12. The instruction, which  
28 shall include matters relating to both the physical and legal  
29 effects and ramifications of drug and substance abuse, shall  
30 be integrated into existing curricula; and the State Board of  
31 Education shall develop and make available to all elementary  
32 and secondary schools in this State instructional materials  
33 and guidelines which will assist the schools in incorporating  
34 the instruction into their existing curricula. In addition,

1 school districts may offer, as part of existing curricula  
2 during the school day or as part of an after school program,  
3 support services and instruction for pupils or pupils whose  
4 parent, parents, or guardians are chemically dependent.

5 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98.)