



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-1020  
105 ILCS 128/20  
430 ILCS 68/5-20

was 105 ILCS 5/27-17

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that instruction in safety education shall include the risks of firearm ownership and usage for students enrolled in grades 6 through 12. Sets forth what information this instruction must include, provides that the instruction may be taught by a licensed educator, school nurse, or school counselor, provides for student evaluation, and requires the State Board of Education to develop an age-appropriate, trauma-informed curriculum. Amends the School Safety Drill Act. Requires schools to provide, after a lockdown drill has been completed, a forum for trauma-informed discussion with students, parents, and staff regarding any mental health concerns that the impact of the lockdown drill has had on students. Amends the Firearm Dealer License Certification Act. Makes changes to require a certified firearm dealer to provide, at the time of application for a firearm purchase, specified information to increase awareness about the risks posed by firearms in the home and State laws regarding firearm ownership.

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1 AN ACT concerning firearm safety.

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 27-1020 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-1020) (was 105 ILCS 5/27-17)

7 Sec. 27-1020. Safety education. School boards of public  
8 schools and all boards in charge of educational institutions  
9 supported wholly or partially by the State may provide  
10 instruction in safety education in all grades and include such  
11 instruction in the courses of study regularly taught therein.

12 In this Section, "safety education" means and includes  
13 instruction in the following:

14 1. automobile safety, including traffic regulations,  
15 highway safety, and the consequences of alcohol  
16 consumption and the operation of a motor vehicle;

17 2. safety in the home, including safe gun storage;

18 3. safety in connection with recreational activities;

19 4. safety in and around school buildings;

20 5. safety in connection with vocational work or  
21 training;

22 6. cardio-pulmonary resuscitation for students  
23 enrolled in grades 9 through 11;

1           7. for students enrolled in grades 6 through 8,  
2           cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and how to use an automated  
3           external defibrillator by watching a training video on  
4           those subjects; ~~and~~

5           8. for students enrolled in prekindergarten through  
6           grade 6, water safety that incorporates evidence-based  
7           water safety instructional materials and resources; and.

8           9. for students enrolled in grades 6 through 12, the  
9           risks of firearm ownership and usage.

10          The instruction on the risks of firearm ownership and  
11          usage shall include information on the impacts of firearm  
12          violence on youth and the risks to firearm owners and other  
13          household members posed by firearm ownership and use,  
14          including risks for suicide, homicide, intimate partner  
15          homicide, and accidental firearm deaths and injuries. This  
16          instruction may be taught by a licensed educator, school  
17          nurse, or school counselor. A student shall be evaluated on  
18          the student's knowledge of the risks of firearm ownership and  
19          use before the instruction to allow the school and the State  
20          Board of Education to measure efficacy. The State Board, in  
21          consultation with the Department of Public Health, the  
22          Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Human  
23          Services, and nonprofits and experts in gun violence  
24          prevention and trauma-informed education, shall develop an  
25          age-appropriate, trauma-informed curriculum for this  
26          instruction.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-567, eff. 12-8-23; 104-391, eff. 8-15-25.)

2 Section 10. The School Safety Drill Act is amended by  
3 changing Section 20 as follows:

4 (105 ILCS 128/20)

5 Sec. 20. Number of drills; incidents covered; local  
6 authority participation.

7 (a) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
8 minimum of 3 school evacuation drills to address and prepare  
9 students and school personnel for fire incidents. These drills  
10 must meet all of the following criteria:

11 (1) One of the 3 school evacuation drills shall  
12 require the participation of the appropriate local fire  
13 department or district.

14 (A) Each local fire department or fire district  
15 must contact the appropriate school administrator or  
16 his or her designee no later than September 1 of each  
17 year in order to arrange for the participation of the  
18 department or district in the school evacuation drill.

19 (B) Each school administrator or his or her  
20 designee must contact the responding local fire  
21 official no later than September 15 of each year and  
22 propose to the local fire official 4 dates within the  
23 month of October, during at least 2 different weeks of  
24 October, on which the drill shall occur. The fire

1 official may choose any of the 4 available dates, and  
2 if he or she does so, the drill shall occur on that  
3 date.

4 (C) The school administrator or his or her  
5 designee and the local fire official may also, by  
6 mutual agreement, set any other date for the drill,  
7 including a date outside of the month of October.

8 (D) If the fire official does not select one of the  
9 4 offered dates in October or set another date by  
10 mutual agreement, the requirement that the school  
11 include the local fire service in one of its mandatory  
12 school evacuation drills shall be waived. Schools,  
13 however, shall continue to be strongly encouraged to  
14 include the fire service in a school evacuation drill  
15 at a mutually agreed-upon time.

16 (E) Upon the participation of the local fire  
17 service, the appropriate local fire official shall  
18 certify that the school evacuation drill was  
19 conducted.

20 (F) When scheduling the school evacuation drill,  
21 the school administrator or his or her designee and  
22 the local fire department or fire district may, by  
23 mutual agreement on or before September 14, choose to  
24 waive the provisions of subparagraphs (B), (C), and  
25 (D) of this paragraph (1).

26 Additional school evacuation drills for fire incidents

1           may involve the participation of the appropriate local  
2           fire department or district.

3           (2) Schools may conduct additional school evacuation  
4           drills to account for other evacuation incidents,  
5           including without limitation suspicious items or bomb  
6           threats.

7           (3) All drills shall be conducted at each school  
8           building that houses school children.

9           (b) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
10          minimum of one bus evacuation drill. This drill shall be  
11          accounted for in the curriculum in all public schools and in  
12          all other educational institutions in this State that are  
13          supported or maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds  
14          and that provide instruction in any of the grades kindergarten  
15          through 12. This curriculum shall include instruction in safe  
16          bus riding practices for all students. Schools may conduct  
17          additional bus evacuation drills. All drills shall be  
18          conducted at each school building that houses school children.

19          (b-5) Notwithstanding the minimum requirements established  
20          by this Act, private schools that do not utilize a bus to  
21          transport students for any purpose are exempt from subsection  
22          (b) of this Section, provided that the chief school  
23          administrator of the private school provides written assurance  
24          to the State Board of Education that the private school does  
25          not plan to utilize a bus to transport students for any purpose  
26          during the current academic year. The assurance must be made

1 on a form supplied by the State Board of Education and filed no  
2 later than October 15. If a private school utilizes a bus to  
3 transport students for any purpose during an academic year  
4 when an assurance pursuant to this subsection (b-5) has been  
5 filed with the State Board of Education, the private school  
6 shall immediately notify the State Board of Education and  
7 comply with subsection (b) of this Section no later than 30  
8 calendar days after utilization of the bus to transport  
9 students, except that, at the discretion of the private  
10 school, students chosen for participation in the bus  
11 evacuation drill need include only the subgroup of students  
12 that are utilizing bus transportation.

13 (c) During each academic year, schools must conduct a law  
14 enforcement lockdown drill to address a school shooting  
15 incident. No later than 90 days after the first day of each  
16 school year, schools must conduct at least one law enforcement  
17 lockdown drill that addresses an active threat or an active  
18 shooter within a school building. Such drills must be  
19 conducted according to the school district's or private  
20 school's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and  
21 procedures to evaluate the preparedness of school personnel  
22 and students. Law enforcement lockdown drills must be  
23 conducted on days and times when students are normally present  
24 in the school building and must involve participation from all  
25 school personnel and students present at school at the time of  
26 the lockdown drill, except that administrators or school

1 support personnel in their discretion may exempt students from  
2 the lockdown drill. The appropriate local law enforcement  
3 agency shall observe the administration of the lockdown drill.  
4 All drills must be conducted at each school building that  
5 houses school children.

6 (1) A law enforcement lockdown drill must meet all of  
7 the following criteria:

8 (A) During each calendar year, the appropriate  
9 local law enforcement agency shall contact the  
10 appropriate school administrator to request to  
11 participate in a law enforcement lockdown drill. The  
12 school administrator and local law enforcement agency  
13 shall set, by mutual agreement, a date for the  
14 lockdown drill.

15 (A-5) The lockdown drill shall require the on-site  
16 participation of the local law enforcement agency. If  
17 a mutually agreeable date cannot be reached between  
18 the school administrator and the appropriate local law  
19 enforcement agency, then the school shall still hold  
20 the lockdown drill without participation from the  
21 agency.

22 (B) Upon the participation of a local law  
23 enforcement agency in a law enforcement lockdown  
24 drill, the appropriate local law enforcement official  
25 shall certify that the law enforcement lockdown drill  
26 was conducted and notify the school in a timely manner

1 of any deficiencies noted during the drill.

2 (C) The lockdown drill must not include  
3 simulations that mimic an actual school shooting  
4 incident or active shooter event.

5 (D) All lockdown drills must be announced in  
6 advance to all school personnel and students prior to  
7 the commencement of the drill.

8 (E) Lockdown drill content must be age appropriate  
9 and developmentally appropriate.

10 (F) Lockdown drills must include and involve  
11 school personnel, including school-based mental health  
12 professionals.

13 (G) Lockdown drills must include trauma-informed  
14 approaches to address the concerns and well-being of  
15 students and school personnel.

16 (2) Schools may conduct additional law enforcement  
17 drills at their discretion.

18 (3) (Blank).

19 (4) School administrators and school support personnel  
20 may, in their discretion, exempt a student or students  
21 from participating in a walk-through lockdown drill. When  
22 deciding whether to exempt a student from participating in  
23 a walk-through lockdown drill, the administrator and  
24 school support personnel shall include the student's  
25 individualized education program team or federal Section  
26 504 plan team in the decision to exempt the student from

1 participating.

2 (5) Schools must provide sufficient information and  
3 notification to parents and guardians in advance of any  
4 walk-through lockdown drill that involves the  
5 participation of students. Schools must also provide to  
6 parents and guardians an opportunity to exempt their child  
7 for any reason from participating in the walk-through  
8 lockdown drill.

9 (6) Schools must provide alternative safety education  
10 and instruction related to an active threat or active  
11 shooter event to students who do not participate in a  
12 walk-through lockdown drill to provide them with essential  
13 information, training, and instruction through less  
14 sensorial safety training methods.

15 (7) During the drill, students must be allowed to ask  
16 questions related to the drill.

17 (8) Law enforcement may choose to run an active  
18 shooter simulation, including simulated gun fire drills,  
19 but only on school days when students are not present.  
20 Parental notification is not required for drills conducted  
21 pursuant to this paragraph (8) if students are not  
22 required to be present.

23 (9) Schools must provide, after a lockdown drill has  
24 been completed, a forum for trauma-informed discussion  
25 with students, parents, and staff regarding any mental  
26 health concerns that the impact of the lockdown drill has

1           had on students.

2           (d) During each academic year, schools must conduct a  
3 minimum of one severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to  
4 address and prepare students and school personnel for possible  
5 tornado incidents and may conduct additional severe weather  
6 and shelter-in-place drills to account for other incidents,  
7 including without limitation earthquakes or hazardous  
8 materials. All drills shall be conducted at each school  
9 building that houses school children.

10          (Source: P.A. 102-395, eff. 8-16-21; 103-197, eff. 1-1-24.)

11           Section 15. The Firearm Dealer License Certification Act  
12 is amended by changing Section 5-20 as follows:

13           (430 ILCS 68/5-20)

14           Sec. 5-20. Additional licensee requirements.

15           (a) A certified licensee shall make a photo copy of a  
16 buyer's or transferee's valid photo identification card  
17 whenever a firearm sale transaction takes place. The photo  
18 copy shall be attached to the documentation detailing the  
19 record of sale.

20           (b) A certified licensee shall post in a conspicuous  
21 position on the premises where the licensee conducts business  
22 a sign that contains the following warning in block letters  
23 not less than one inch in height:

24                   "With few exceptions enumerated in the Firearm Owners

1 Identification Card Act, it is unlawful for you to:

2 (A) store or leave an unsecured firearm in a place  
3 where a child can obtain access to it;

4 (B) sell or transfer your firearm to someone else  
5 without receiving approval for the transfer from the  
6 Illinois State Police, or

7 (C) fail to report the loss or theft of your  
8 firearm to local law enforcement within 48 hours."

9 This sign shall be created by the Illinois State Police and  
10 made available for printing or downloading from the Illinois  
11 State Police's website.

12 (c) No retail location established after the effective  
13 date of this Act shall be located within 500 feet of any  
14 school, pre-school, or day care facility in existence at its  
15 location before the retail location is established as measured  
16 from the nearest corner of the building holding the retail  
17 location to the corner of the school, pre-school, or day care  
18 facility building nearest the retail location at the time the  
19 retail location seeks licensure.

20 (d) A certified dealer who sells or transfers a firearm  
21 shall provide ~~notify~~ the purchaser or the recipient, orally  
22 and in writing, in both English and Spanish, at the time of  
23 application for a firearm purchase, all of the following  
24 information to increase awareness about the risks posed by  
25 firearms in the home and State laws regarding firearm  
26 ownership:

1           (1) Firearm ownership risk education, including the  
2           following information:

3                   (A) firearm ownership increases the risk of  
4                   suicide by 3 times;

5                   (B) firearm ownership increases the risk of  
6                   suicide for children and teens by 4 times;

7                   (C) firearm ownership increases the likelihood of  
8                   homicide by 2 times;

9                   (D) firearm ownership increases the risk of  
10                   intimate partner homicide for women in abusive  
11                   relationships by 5 times; and

12                   (E) firearms are the leading cause of death for  
13                   children and teens.

14           (2) Safe secure storage, which shall state that State  
15           law requires firearms to be placed in a securely locked  
16           box or container and not in a location believed to be  
17           secure from children, anyone prohibited from having a  
18           firearm, or persons at-risk of harming themselves or  
19           others.

20           (3) Reporting lost or stolen firearms, which shall  
21           state that State law requires ~~the sale or transfer, that~~  
22           the owner of a firearm ~~is required~~ to report a lost or  
23           stolen firearm to local law enforcement within 48 hours  
24           after the owner first discovers the loss or theft.

25           The Illinois State Police shall create the ~~a~~ written  
26           notice, in both English and Spanish, that certified dealers

1 shall provide firearm purchasers or transferees in accordance  
2 with this provision and make such notice available for  
3 printing or downloading from the Illinois State Police  
4 website.

5 (Source: P.A. 104-31, eff. 1-1-26.)