

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Park District Code is amended by adding
5 Section 8-23a as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1205/8-23a new)

7 Sec. 8-23a. Application for volunteers; disclosure of
8 child sex offenses; penalty for failure to disclose.

9 (a) For purposes of this Section:

10 "Child sex offender" has the meaning provided in paragraph
11 (1) of subsection (d) of Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of
12 2012.

13 "Volunteer" means any individual who without compensation
14 or benefits reports to, and is under the direct supervision of,
15 a park district's administrative staff and provides personal
16 services to a park district recreational program that is
17 offered to children.

18 (b) Every park district shall require volunteers to
19 complete an application prior to beginning any work as a
20 volunteer. The application shall include, but shall not be
21 limited to, a question for the applicant to answer concerning
22 whether they have been convicted of or found to be a child sex
23 offender. No park district shall knowingly engage a volunteer

1 who has been convicted of or found to be a child sex offender
2 and shall terminate the services of the volunteer upon
3 discovery of such an offender.

4 (c) If a current volunteer with a park district is
5 convicted of or found to be a child sex offender, the volunteer
6 shall immediately disclose the conviction or finding to the
7 park district.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.