

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. If a volunteer is under 18 years of age, the

1 volunteer's parent or legal guardian may complete the  
2 application on behalf of the volunteer. No park district shall  
3 knowingly engage a volunteer who has been convicted of or found  
4 to be a child sex offender and shall terminate the services of  
5 the volunteer upon discovery of such an offender.

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

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.