

SB0764



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Introduced 2/1/2017, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-23.12	from Ch. 122, par. 10-23.12
105 ILCS 5/27A-5	
105 ILCS 5/34-18.6	from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.6

Amends the School Code. Requires each public school and charter school to post, in a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to students, a sign in English and in Spanish that contains the toll-free telephone number operated by the Department of Children and Family Services to receive reports of child abuse or neglect. Permits the State Board of Education to adopt rules relating to the size and location of the sign.

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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 changing Sections
5 10-23.12, 27A-5, and 34-18.6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-23.12) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-23.12)

7 Sec. 10-23.12. Child abuse and neglect; detection,
8 reporting, and prevention.

9 (a) To provide staff development for local school site
10 personnel who work with pupils in grades kindergarten through
11 8~~7~~ in the detection, reporting, and prevention of child abuse
12 and neglect.

13 (b) Each public school and charter school shall post, in a
14 clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is
15 readily accessible to students, a sign in English and in
16 Spanish that contains the toll-free telephone number operated
17 by the Department of Children and Family Services to receive
18 reports of child abuse or neglect.

19 The State Board of Education may adopt rules relating to
20 the size and location of the sign required by this subsection
21 (b).

22 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/27A-5)

2 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 99-927)

3 Sec. 27A-5. Charter school; legal entity; requirements.

4 (a) A charter school shall be a public, nonsectarian,
5 nonreligious, non-home based, and non-profit school. A charter
6 school shall be organized and operated as a nonprofit
7 corporation or other discrete, legal, nonprofit entity
8 authorized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

9 (b) A charter school may be established under this Article
10 by creating a new school or by converting an existing public
11 school or attendance center to charter school status. Beginning
12 on April 16, 2003 (the effective date of Public Act 93-3), in
13 all new applications to establish a charter school in a city
14 having a population exceeding 500,000, operation of the charter
15 school shall be limited to one campus. The changes made to this
16 Section by Public Act 93-3 do not apply to charter schools
17 existing or approved on or before April 16, 2003 (the effective
18 date of Public Act 93-3).

19 (b-5) In this subsection (b-5), "virtual-schooling" means
20 a cyber school where students engage in online curriculum and
21 instruction via the Internet and electronic communication with
22 their teachers at remote locations and with students
23 participating at different times.

24 From April 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016, there is a
25 moratorium on the establishment of charter schools with
26 virtual-schooling components in school districts other than a

1 school district organized under Article 34 of this Code. This
2 moratorium does not apply to a charter school with
3 virtual-schooling components existing or approved prior to
4 April 1, 2013 or to the renewal of the charter of a charter
5 school with virtual-schooling components already approved
6 prior to April 1, 2013.

7 On or before March 1, 2014, the Commission shall submit to
8 the General Assembly a report on the effect of
9 virtual-schooling, including without limitation the effect on
10 student performance, the costs associated with
11 virtual-schooling, and issues with oversight. The report shall
12 include policy recommendations for virtual-schooling.

13 (c) A charter school shall be administered and governed by
14 its board of directors or other governing body in the manner
15 provided in its charter. The governing body of a charter school
16 shall be subject to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open
17 Meetings Act.

18 (d) For purposes of this subsection (d), "non-curricular
19 health and safety requirement" means any health and safety
20 requirement created by statute or rule to provide, maintain,
21 preserve, or safeguard safe or healthful conditions for
22 students and school personnel or to eliminate, reduce, or
23 prevent threats to the health and safety of students and school
24 personnel. "Non-curricular health and safety requirement" does
25 not include any course of study or specialized instructional
26 requirement for which the State Board has established goals and

1 learning standards or which is designed primarily to impart
2 knowledge and skills for students to master and apply as an
3 outcome of their education.

4 A charter school shall comply with all non-curricular
5 health and safety requirements applicable to public schools
6 under the laws of the State of Illinois. On or before September
7 1, 2015, the State Board shall promulgate and post on its
8 Internet website a list of non-curricular health and safety
9 requirements that a charter school must meet. The list shall be
10 updated annually no later than September 1. Any charter
11 contract between a charter school and its authorizer must
12 contain a provision that requires the charter school to follow
13 the list of all non-curricular health and safety requirements
14 promulgated by the State Board and any non-curricular health
15 and safety requirements added by the State Board to such list
16 during the term of the charter. Nothing in this subsection (d)
17 precludes an authorizer from including non-curricular health
18 and safety requirements in a charter school contract that are
19 not contained in the list promulgated by the State Board,
20 including non-curricular health and safety requirements of the
21 authorizing local school board.

22 (e) Except as otherwise provided in the School Code, a
23 charter school shall not charge tuition; provided that a
24 charter school may charge reasonable fees for textbooks,
25 instructional materials, and student activities.

26 (f) A charter school shall be responsible for the

1 management and operation of its fiscal affairs including, but
2 not limited to, the preparation of its budget. An audit of each
3 charter school's finances shall be conducted annually by an
4 outside, independent contractor retained by the charter
5 school. To ensure financial accountability for the use of
6 public funds, on or before December 1 of every year of
7 operation, each charter school shall submit to its authorizer
8 and the State Board a copy of its audit and a copy of the Form
9 990 the charter school filed that year with the federal
10 Internal Revenue Service. In addition, if deemed necessary for
11 proper financial oversight of the charter school, an authorizer
12 may require quarterly financial statements from each charter
13 school.

14 (g) A charter school shall comply with all provisions of
15 this Article, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, all
16 federal and State laws and rules applicable to public schools
17 that pertain to special education and the instruction of
18 English learners, and its charter. A charter school is exempt
19 from all other State laws and regulations in this Code
20 governing public schools and local school board policies;
21 however, a charter school is not exempt from the following:

22 (1) Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of this Code regarding
23 criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide
24 Sex Offender Database and Statewide Murderer and Violent
25 Offender Against Youth Database of applicants for
26 employment;

1 (2) Sections 10-20.14, 10-22.6, 24-24, 34-19, and
2 34-84a of this Code regarding discipline of students;

3 (3) the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees
4 Tort Immunity Act;

5 (4) Section 108.75 of the General Not For Profit
6 Corporation Act of 1986 regarding indemnification of
7 officers, directors, employees, and agents;

8 (5) the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act;

9 (5.5) subsection (b) of Section 10-23.12 and
10 subsection (b) of Section 34-18.6 of this Code;

11 (6) the Illinois School Student Records Act;

12 (7) Section 10-17a of this Code regarding school report
13 cards;

14 (8) the P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System Act;

15 (9) Section 27-23.7 of this Code regarding bullying
16 prevention;

17 (10) Section 2-3.162 of this Code regarding student
18 discipline reporting; and

19 (11) Section 22-80 of this Code.

20 The change made by Public Act 96-104 to this subsection (g)
21 is declaratory of existing law.

22 (h) A charter school may negotiate and contract with a
23 school district, the governing body of a State college or
24 university or public community college, or any other public or
25 for-profit or nonprofit private entity for: (i) the use of a
26 school building and grounds or any other real property or

1 facilities that the charter school desires to use or convert
2 for use as a charter school site, (ii) the operation and
3 maintenance thereof, and (iii) the provision of any service,
4 activity, or undertaking that the charter school is required to
5 perform in order to carry out the terms of its charter.
6 However, a charter school that is established on or after April
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8 operates in a city having a population exceeding 500,000 may
9 not contract with a for-profit entity to manage or operate the
10 school during the period that commences on April 16, 2003 (the
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12 the 2004-2005 school year. Except as provided in subsection (i)
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9 (Source: P.A. 98-16, eff. 5-24-13; 98-639, eff. 6-9-14; 98-669,
10 eff. 6-26-14; 98-739, eff. 7-16-14; 98-783, eff. 1-1-15;
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19 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
20 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
21 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
22 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
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24 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other

1 Public Act.