



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB3504

Introduced 2/22/2021, by Rep. Edgar Gonzalez, Jr.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2310/2310-431 new

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Public Health to administer an annual survey, which shall be named the Healthy Illinois Survey. Provides that the Healthy Illinois Survey shall: (1) include interviews of a sample of State residents such that statistically reliable data for specified areas can be developed, as well as statistically reliable data on racial, ethnic, gender, age, and other demographic groups of State residents important to inform health equity goals; (2) be collected at the zip code level; and (3) include questions on a range of topics designed to establish an initial baseline public health data set and annual updates. Provides that, in developing the annual Healthy Illinois Survey, the Department shall consult with specified persons and entities with the goal of a comprehensive survey that will assist the State and other partners in developing the data to measure public health and health equity. Requires the Department to provide the results of the Healthy Illinois Survey in forms useful to cities, communities, local health departments, hospitals, and other potential users, including annually publishing on its website data at the most granular geographic and demographic levels possible while protecting identifying information. Requires the Department to produce periodic special reports and analyses relevant to ongoing and emerging health and social issues in communities and the State.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 2310-431 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-431 new)

8 Sec. 2310-431. Healthy Illinois Survey.

9 (a) The General Assembly finds the following:

10 (1) The Coronavirus pandemic that struck in 2020  
11 caused more illness and death in Black, Latinx, and other  
12 communities with people of color in Illinois.

13 (2) Many rural and other underserved communities in  
14 Illinois experienced higher rates of COVID-19 illness and  
15 death than higher-resourced communities.

16 (3) The structural racism and underlying health and  
17 social disparities in communities of color and other  
18 underserved communities that produced these COVID-19  
19 disparities also produce disparities in chronic disease,  
20 access to care, and social determinants of health, such as  
21 overcrowded housing and prevalence of working in low-wage  
22 essential jobs.

23 (4) Traditional public health data collected by

1 existing methods is insufficient to help State and local  
2 governments, health care partners, and communities  
3 understand local health concerns and social factors  
4 associated with health. Nor does the data provide adequate  
5 information to help identify policies and interventions  
6 that address health inequities.

7 (5) Comprehensive, relevant, and current public health  
8 data could be used to: identify health concerns for  
9 communities across Illinois; understand environmental,  
10 neighborhood, and social factors associated with health;  
11 and support the development, implementation, and progress  
12 of programs for public health interventions and addressing  
13 health inequities.

14 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall  
15 administer an annual survey, which shall be named the Healthy  
16 Illinois Survey. The Healthy Illinois Survey shall:

17 (1) include interviews of a sample of State residents  
18 such that statistically reliable data for every county,  
19 zip code groupings within more highly populated counties  
20 and cities, suburban Cook County municipalities, and  
21 Chicago community areas can be developed, as well as  
22 statistically reliable data on racial, ethnic, gender,  
23 age, and other demographic groups of State residents  
24 important to inform health equity goals;

25 (2) be collected at the zip code level; and

26 (3) include questions on a range of topics designed to

1 establish an initial baseline public health data set and  
2 annual updates, including:

3 (A) access to health services;

4 (B) civic engagement;

5 (C) childhood experiences;

6 (D) chronic health conditions;

7 (E) COVID-19;

8 (F) diet;

9 (G) financial security;

10 (H) food security;

11 (I) mental health;

12 (J) community conditions;

13 (K) physical activity;

14 (L) physical safety;

15 (M) substance abuse; and

16 (N) violence.

17 (c) In developing the Healthy Illinois Survey, the  
18 Department shall consult with local public health departments  
19 and stakeholders with expertise in health, mental health,  
20 nutrition, physical activity, violence prevention, safety,  
21 tobacco and drug use, and emergency preparedness with the goal  
22 of developing a comprehensive survey that will assist the  
23 State and other partners in developing the data to measure  
24 public health and health equity.

25 (d) The Department shall provide the results of the  
26 Healthy Illinois Survey in forms useful to cities,

1 communities, local health departments, hospitals, and other  
2 potential users, including annually publishing on its website  
3 data at the most granular geographic and demographic levels  
4 possible while protecting identifying information. The  
5 Department shall produce periodic special reports and analyses  
6 relevant to ongoing and emerging health and social issues in  
7 communities and the State. The Department shall use this data  
8 to inform the development and monitoring of its State Health  
9 Assessment. The Department shall provide the full relevant  
10 jurisdictional data set to local health departments for their  
11 local use and analysis each year.