

# SB0209



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB0209

Introduced 1/31/2023, by Sen. Mike Simmons

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Provides legislative findings. Appropriates specified amounts to the Department of Public Health for grants, expenses, and administrative costs of programs relating to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus; the Getting to Zero-Illinois plan to end the HIV epidemic by 2030; the prevention, screening, and treatment services to address sexually transmitted infection cases; and the PrEP4Illinois Program to provide client navigation for pre-exposure prophylaxis services and medication access. Contains other provisions. Effective July 1, 2023.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

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

4 Section 1. Legislative findings.

5 (a) For more than 4 decades, HIV/AIDS has ravaged  
6 communities across America and Illinois, doubling down on the  
7 racial health disparities also laid bare across the opioid  
8 epidemic, maternal and infant mortality rates, COVID-19  
9 mortality and morbidity rates, and the rising rates of sexually  
10 transmitted infections (such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, and  
11 syphilis).

12 (b) According to the Centers for Disease Control and  
13 Prevention (CDC), HIV transmission can be virtually eliminated  
14 when linkage to HIV medications and medical care are widely  
15 accessible. Treatment and prevention strategies such as Pre-  
16 Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Undetectable=Untransmittable  
17 (U=U) are time-tested, science-based interventions that prevent  
18 new HIV diagnoses. Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a  
19 prevention strategy that involves sexually active HIV-negative  
20 adults and adolescents taking prescription medications to  
21 prevent HIV acquisition. PrEP is 99% effective in preventing  
22 HIV when taken as prescribed. U=U acknowledges the proven  
23 science that people living with HIV who have an undetectable

1 viral load pose no chance of transmitting the virus sexually.  
2 However, issues relating to access to health care, housing,  
3 steady and sufficient income, mental health and substance-use  
4 services, HIV treatment, addressing HIV-related stigma, and  
5 access to PrEP persist as barriers to lowering the HIV incidence  
6 rates across Illinois.

7 (c) To advance the goals and strategies of the Getting to  
8 Zero Illinois plan to end the HIV epidemic in Illinois by 2030,  
9 the State of Illinois will need to develop and support programs  
10 in health care, health disparities, housing, education, and  
11 awareness. These new State funding opportunities for fiscal  
12 year 2024 aim to increase access to clinical and supportive  
13 services for HIV treatment and PrEP.

14 (d) Additionally, these investments are grounded in racial  
15 health equity to address the health disparities experienced by  
16 people living with or vulnerable to HIV, especially among  
17 Illinois' Black, Latino/a/x, and LGBTQIA communities.

18 Section 5. The following named amounts, or so much thereof  
19 as may be necessary, are appropriated to the Department of  
20 Public Health for expenses of programs related to Acquired  
21 Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Human Immunodeficiency  
22 Virus (HIV):

23 OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION: AIDS/HIV

1           No less than one-half (50%) of all funds appropriated in  
 2           any fiscal year to the Department of Public Health's Office of  
 3           Health Protection: AIDS/HIV Division shall be used for expenses  
 4           pursuant to HIV/AIDS programs serving minority populations.

5           Payable from the General Revenue Fund:

6           For Expenses of AIDS/HIV Education, Drugs,  
 7           Services, Counseling, Testing, Outreach to  
 8           Minority Populations, Costs Associated with  
 9           Correctional Facilities Counseling, Testing  
 10          Referral and Partner Notification (CTRPN),  
 11          and Patient and Worker Notification Pursuant  
 12          to Public Act 87-763 .....\$27,562,400

13          For Grants and Other Expenses for the Prevention  
 14          and Treatment of HIV/AIDS and the Creation of an  
 15          HIV/AIDS Service Delivery System to Reduce the  
 16          the Disparity of HIV Infection and AIDS Cases  
 17          Between African Americans and Other  
 18          Population Groups .....\$1,218,000

19          Payable from the Public Health Services Fund:

20          For Expenses of Programs for  
 21          Prevention of AIDS/HIV .....\$7,250,000

1 For Expenses for Surveillance Programs and  
 2 Seroprevalence Studies of AIDS/HIV .....\$2,750,000

3 For Expenses Associated with the Ryan White  
 4 Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Act of  
 5 1990 (CARE) and other AIDS/HIV services .....\$100,000,000

6 Payable from the Quality of Life Endowment Fund:  
 7 For Grants and Expenses Associated with HIV/AIDS  
 8 Prevention and Education .....\$1,000,000

9 Total .....\$139,780,400

10 Section 10. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as  
 11 may be necessary, is appropriated from the African-American  
 12 HIV/AIDS Response Fund to the Department of Public Health for  
 13 grants and administrative expenses associated with the  
 14 prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and the creation of an  
 15 HIV/AIDS service delivery system to reduce the disparity of HIV  
 16 infection and AIDS cases among African-Americans for purposes  
 17 allowed by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act  
 18 of 2021 and any associated federal guidance.

19 Section 15. The sum of \$10,000,000, or so much thereof as  
 20 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public

1 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs  
2 related to the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and  
3 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and specifically to the  
4 Getting to Zero-Illinois (GTZ) plan to end the HIV epidemic by  
5 2030.

6 Section 20. The sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as  
7 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public  
8 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs  
9 related to the prevention, screening, and treatment services  
10 to address sexually transmitted infection (STI) cases.

11 Section 25. The sum of \$5,000,000, or so much thereof as  
12 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public  
13 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs  
14 related to the PrEP4Illinois Program to provide client  
15 navigation for pre-exposure prophylaxis services and medication  
16 access. A portion of this funding must be spent on establishing  
17 the mechanism, process, policy, or system needed to allow the  
18 PrEP4Illinois program to pay for the ancillary services  
19 (including, but not limited to, provider office visits or labs)  
20 associated with being on pre-exposure prophylaxis, as well as  
21 to begin covering the cost of such ancillary services for the  
22 uninsured and underinsured people in the Department of Public  
23 Health's PrEP4Illinois program.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
2    2023.