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**HB1341**

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-8.1

from Ch. 122, par. 27-8.1

Amends the School Code. Provides that a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) test must be included as a part of the student health examination required under the School Code if the child is 13 years of age or older, and provides for Department of Public Health rules.

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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 Section  
5 27-8.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-8.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-8.1)

7 Sec. 27-8.1. Health examinations and immunizations.

8 (1) In compliance with rules and regulations which the  
9 Department of Public Health shall promulgate, and except as  
10 hereinafter provided, all children in Illinois shall have a  
11 health examination as follows: within one year prior to  
12 entering kindergarten or the first grade of any public,  
13 private, or parochial elementary school; upon entering the  
14 fifth and ninth grades of any public, private, or parochial  
15 school; prior to entrance into any public, private, or  
16 parochial nursery school; and, irrespective of grade,  
17 immediately prior to or upon entrance into any public, private,  
18 or parochial school or nursery school, each child shall present  
19 proof of having been examined in accordance with this Section  
20 and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder.

21 A tuberculosis skin test screening shall be included as a  
22 required part of each health examination included under this  
23 Section if the child resides in an area designated by the

1 Department of Public Health as having a high incidence of  
2 tuberculosis. A human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) test must be  
3 included as a required part of the health examination included  
4 under this Section if the child is 13 years of age or older.

5 Additional health examinations of pupils, including vision  
6 examinations, may be required when deemed necessary by school  
7 authorities. Parents are encouraged to have their children  
8 undergo vision examinations at the same points in time required  
9 for health examinations.

10 (1.5) In compliance with rules adopted by the Department of  
11 Public Health and except as otherwise provided in this Section,  
12 all children in kindergarten and the second and sixth grades of  
13 any public, private, or parochial school shall have a dental  
14 examination. Each of these children shall present proof of  
15 having been examined by a dentist in accordance with this  
16 Section and rules adopted under this Section before May 15th of  
17 the school year. If a child in the second or sixth grade fails  
18 to present proof by May 15th, the school may hold the child's  
19 report card until one of the following occurs: (i) the child  
20 presents proof of a completed dental examination or (ii) the  
21 child presents proof that a dental examination will take place  
22 within 60 days after May 15th. The Department of Public Health  
23 shall establish, by rule, a waiver for children who show an  
24 undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist. Each public,  
25 private, and parochial school must give notice of this dental  
26 examination requirement to the parents and guardians of

1 students at least 60 days before May 15th of each school year.

2 (2) The Department of Public Health shall promulgate rules  
3 and regulations specifying the examinations and procedures  
4 that constitute a health examination, which shall include the  
5 collection of data relating to obesity, (including at a  
6 minimum, date of birth, gender, height, weight, blood pressure,  
7 and date of exam), and a dental examination and may recommend  
8 by rule that certain additional examinations be performed. The  
9 rules and regulations of the Department of Public Health shall  
10 specify that a tuberculosis skin test screening shall be  
11 included as a required part of each health examination included  
12 under this Section if the child resides in an area designated  
13 by the Department of Public Health as having a high incidence  
14 of tuberculosis. The Department of Public Health shall specify  
15 that a diabetes screening as defined by rule shall be included  
16 as a required part of each health examination. Diabetes testing  
17 is not required. The rules of the Department of Public Health  
18 shall specify that an HIV test must be included as a required  
19 part of the health examination included under this Section if a  
20 child is 13 years of age or older, which rules must be in  
21 accordance with the guidelines of the federal Centers for  
22 Disease Control and Prevention.

23 Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its  
24 branches, advanced practice nurses who have a written  
25 collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician which  
26 authorizes them to perform health examinations, or physician

1 assistants who have been delegated the performance of health  
2 examinations by their supervising physician shall be  
3 responsible for the performance of the health examinations,  
4 other than dental examinations and vision and hearing  
5 screening, and shall sign all report forms required by  
6 subsection (4) of this Section that pertain to those portions  
7 of the health examination for which the physician, advanced  
8 practice nurse, or physician assistant is responsible. If a  
9 registered nurse performs any part of a health examination,  
10 then a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its  
11 branches must review and sign all required report forms.  
12 Licensed dentists shall perform all dental examinations and  
13 shall sign all report forms required by subsection (4) of this  
14 Section that pertain to the dental examinations. Physicians  
15 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or licensed  
16 optometrists, shall perform all vision exams required by school  
17 authorities and shall sign all report forms required by  
18 subsection (4) of this Section that pertain to the vision exam.  
19 Vision and hearing screening tests, which shall not be  
20 considered examinations as that term is used in this Section,  
21 shall be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations of  
22 the Department of Public Health, and by individuals whom the  
23 Department of Public Health has certified. In these rules and  
24 regulations, the Department of Public Health shall require that  
25 individuals conducting vision screening tests give a child's  
26 parent or guardian written notification, before the vision

1 screening is conducted, that states, "Vision screening is not a  
2 substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye  
3 doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision  
4 screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed  
5 and signed a report form indicating that an examination has  
6 been administered within the previous 12 months."

7 (3) Every child shall, at or about the same time as he or  
8 she receives a health examination required by subsection (1) of  
9 this Section, present to the local school proof of having  
10 received such immunizations against preventable communicable  
11 diseases as the Department of Public Health shall require by  
12 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Section and  
13 the Communicable Disease Prevention Act.

14 (4) The individuals conducting the health examination or  
15 dental examination shall record the fact of having conducted  
16 the examination, and such additional information as required,  
17 including for a health examination data relating to obesity,  
18 (including at a minimum, date of birth, gender, height, weight,  
19 blood pressure, and date of exam), on uniform forms which the  
20 Department of Public Health and the State Board of Education  
21 shall prescribe for statewide use. The examiner shall summarize  
22 on the report form any condition that he or she suspects  
23 indicates a need for special services, including for a health  
24 examination factors relating to obesity. The individuals  
25 confirming the administration of required immunizations shall  
26 record as indicated on the form that the immunizations were

1 administered.

2 (5) If a child does not submit proof of having had either  
3 the health examination or the immunization as required, then  
4 the child shall be examined or receive the immunization, as the  
5 case may be, and present proof by October 15 of the current  
6 school year, or by an earlier date of the current school year  
7 established by a school district. To establish a date before  
8 October 15 of the current school year for the health  
9 examination or immunization as required, a school district must  
10 give notice of the requirements of this Section 60 days prior  
11 to the earlier established date. If for medical reasons one or  
12 more of the required immunizations must be given after October  
13 15 of the current school year, or after an earlier established  
14 date of the current school year, then the child shall present,  
15 by October 15, or by the earlier established date, a schedule  
16 for the administration of the immunizations and a statement of  
17 the medical reasons causing the delay, both the schedule and  
18 the statement being issued by the physician, advanced practice  
19 nurse, physician assistant, registered nurse, or local health  
20 department that will be responsible for administration of the  
21 remaining required immunizations. If a child does not comply by  
22 October 15, or by the earlier established date of the current  
23 school year, with the requirements of this subsection, then the  
24 local school authority shall exclude that child from school  
25 until such time as the child presents proof of having had the  
26 health examination as required and presents proof of having

1 received those required immunizations which are medically  
2 possible to receive immediately. During a child's exclusion  
3 from school for noncompliance with this subsection, the child's  
4 parents or legal guardian shall be considered in violation of  
5 Section 26-1 and subject to any penalty imposed by Section  
6 26-10. This subsection (5) does not apply to dental  
7 examinations.

8 (6) Every school shall report to the State Board of  
9 Education by November 15, in the manner which that agency shall  
10 require, the number of children who have received the necessary  
11 immunizations and the health examination (other than a dental  
12 examination) as required, indicating, of those who have not  
13 received the immunizations and examination as required, the  
14 number of children who are exempt from health examination and  
15 immunization requirements on religious or medical grounds as  
16 provided in subsection (8). Every school shall report to the  
17 State Board of Education by June 30, in the manner that the  
18 State Board requires, the number of children who have received  
19 the required dental examination, indicating, of those who have  
20 not received the required dental examination, the number of  
21 children who are exempt from the dental examination on  
22 religious grounds as provided in subsection (8) of this Section  
23 and the number of children who have received a waiver under  
24 subsection (1.5) of this Section. This reported information  
25 shall be provided to the Department of Public Health by the  
26 State Board of Education.



1           (7) Upon determining that the number of pupils who are  
2 required to be in compliance with subsection (5) of this  
3 Section is below 90% of the number of pupils enrolled in the  
4 school district, 10% of each State aid payment made pursuant to  
5 Section 18-8.05 to the school district for such year shall be  
6 withheld by the regional superintendent until the number of  
7 students in compliance with subsection (5) is the applicable  
8 specified percentage or higher.

9           (8) Parents or legal guardians who object to health or  
10 dental examinations or any part thereof, or to immunizations,  
11 on religious grounds shall not be required to submit their  
12 children or wards to the examinations or immunizations to which  
13 they so object if such parents or legal guardians present to  
14 the appropriate local school authority a signed statement of  
15 objection, detailing the grounds for the objection. If the  
16 physical condition of the child is such that any one or more of  
17 the immunizing agents should not be administered, the examining  
18 physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant  
19 responsible for the performance of the health examination shall  
20 endorse that fact upon the health examination form. Exempting a  
21 child from the health or dental examination does not exempt the  
22 child from participation in the program of physical education  
23 training provided in Sections 27-5 through 27-7 of this Code.

24           (9) For the purposes of this Section, "nursery schools"  
25 means those nursery schools operated by elementary school  
26 systems or secondary level school units or institutions of

1 higher learning.

2 (Source: P.A. 92-703, eff. 7-19-02; 93-504, eff. 1-1-04;

3 93-530, eff. 1-1-04; 93-946, eff. 7-1-05; 93-966, eff. 1-1-05;

4 revised 12-1-05.)