

AIDS Foundation OF CHICAGO

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Other Legislative Priorities—2005

Other legislative priorities for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) in 2005 include:

HB 45 (Yarbrough)/SB 167 (Martinez)—Source of Income

Prohibits discrimination against renters based on their source of income. This bill forbids landlords from denying a lease to an individual solely because he/she uses a public subsidy, including Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program, to pay the rent.

SB 658 (Cullerton)/HB 3415 (Eddy)—Keeping Families Together in Guardianship Cases

Allows judges to appoint the best guardian for a child or disabled adult. In some instances, that person may have a past felony conviction. The judge must consider the nature of the offense, the date of the offense, and the evidence of the proposed guardian's rehabilitation. The guardian must not have been convicted of any felony involving harm or threat to a child, elderly, or disabled person, including sexual offenses.

Crystal Methamphetamine

- **HB 3511 (Eddy)—Best Practices for Meth Treatment:** Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to research and disseminate information about the most effective strategies in which to treat methamphetamine addiction. *Note: This bill passed the House on April 6 and is now being considered in the Senate.*
- **HB 3513 (Eddy)—Meth Treatment and Prevention Grants:** Makes grants available to licensed treatment programs for methamphetamine addiction prevention and treatment services. *Note: This bill passed the House on April 6 and is now being considered in the Senate.*

Hepatitis C

- **HB 595 (Howard, Hunter)—Hepatitis C Material:** Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to make educational materials available to healthcare providers, members of the armed forces, and others at risk of contracting hepatitis C. *Note: This bill passed the House on February 24 and is now being considered in the Senate.*
- **HB 904 (Howard)—Hepatitis C Screening and Awareness Act:** Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to implement a hepatitis C prevention plan that includes education, screening, voluntary testing, and treatment for people at risk of contracting hepatitis C. A second amendment provides for the inclusion of hepatitis A and B in the prevention plan.

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