

How HB 61 (House Amendment 1) Changes Current Law

HIV Student Notification in Illinois Schools	Existing Law	HB 61 HA 1
Who is covered		
Applies to grades K-12.	Yes	No
First Responders Protections		
Mandates universal precautions for first responders.	Yes	Yes
If exposed to blood would allow first responders to test for HIV and know student's status.	Yes	Yes
If student's medical condition requires disclosure, the law permits a child's doctor to disclose the student's HIV status to school staff, such as a school nurse.	Yes	Yes
School Personnel Protections		
Mandates Universal precautions.	Yes	Yes
Helps limit teachers and other school staff from civil liability for accidentally unauthorized disclosure of a HIV-positive student's status with fines up to \$10,000 per disclosure.	No	Yes
If student's medical condition requires disclosure, the law permits a child's doctor to disclose the student's HIV status to school staff, such as a school nurse.	Yes	Yes
Addresses Illinois HIV/AIDS Public Health Issue		
Addresses the growing HIV infection rate among adolescents in an age appropriate, emotional sensitive and medical proven approach to promote HIV prevention among this population.	No	Yes
Reflects the medically accurate and recognized modes of HIV transmission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unprotected sexual activity 2. Sharing needles or other equipment used to prepare illicit drugs for injection 3. Being born to an infected mother—HIV can be passed from mother to child during pregnancy, birth, or breast-feeding. 	No	Yes
Promotes sound health policy by encouraging testing for sexual transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS among sexually active youth.	No	Yes
Protects Family and Student Privacy		
Safeguards HIV-positive students and their families from stigma, discrimination, and bullying related to HIV disclosure in the school setting.	No	Yes
Local Control		
Allows the parent(s) of an HIV-positive student in consultation with their health providers and local school districts and schools to choose to provide notification of a HIV-positive student.	No	Yes

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