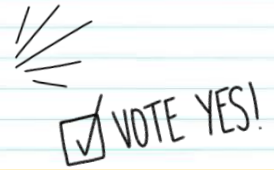


SB 818 - Keeping Youth Safe & Healthy

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SB 818 requires Illinois public and charter schools to teach comprehensive personal health and safety education in grades K-5 and comprehensive sexual health education in grades 6-12 that is:

- + **age and developmentally appropriate** (tailored to grades ranges based on the developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group)
- + **medically accurate** (verified or supported by research and published in peer-reviewed journals)
- + **complete** (aligned with national standards)
- + **culturally appropriate** (affirming culturally diverse individuals, families, and communities in an inclusive, respectful, and effective manner)
- + **inclusive** (inclusion of marginalized communities)
- + **trauma informed** (takes into consideration how adverse life experiences may potentially influence a person's well-being and decision making)

Comprehensive personal health and safety education and sexual health education provides age appropriate information on:

- + developing healthy relationships
- + anatomy, physiology, and adolescent growth and development
- + preventing bullying, harassment, abuse, sexual violence, and interpersonal violence
- + empowering students to be able to make healthy and safe decisions
- + identity including sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression
- + preventing STI's and unintended pregnancy

A parent or guardian can opt their student out of instruction. Individuals may review materials.

By August 1, 2022, the Illinois State Board of Education shall adopt rigorous education standards that align with National standards for comprehensive personal health and safety education and sexual health education.

- Standards will be developed with input from youth, parents, sexual health and violence prevention experts, health care providers, and advocates and education practitioners.
- ISBE will make resource materials available to schools.

Beginning no later than July, 1, 2023, public and charter schools will start teaching comprehensive personal health and safety education and sexual health education.

- Schools will retain **local control** through the selection of curriculum and instructional materials.
- Local schools determine who will provide instruction and are allowed to partner with local agencies and experts, such as a county health department, to provide instruction.
- For 2 years after the SB 818 goes into effect, schools will report data to ISBE.

SB 818 will also:

- + create a new section of the School Code: Consent Education which requires schools to provide age and developmentally appropriate education about consent in grades K-12.
- + amend the "AIDS training" section of the School Code to modernize language and requires school personal to receive training.
- + update the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act to update language about HIV/AIDS and to ensure age and developmentally appropriate, medically accurate instruction.

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Comprehensive personal health and safety instruction and sexual health education shall:

- + address experiences and needs of all students, including those with disabilities
- + be inclusive and sensitive to the needs of students based on their status as pregnant or parenting, living with STIs, including HIV, sexually active, asexual, or intersex or based on their gender, and their gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, sexual behavior, or disability

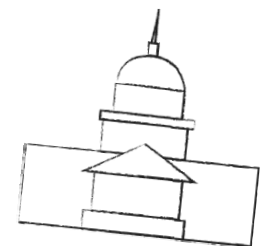
Comprehensive personal health and safety and sexual health instruction shall not:

- + promote bias against any person on the basis of the person's race, ethnicity, language, cultural background, citizenship, religion, HIV status, family structures, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, sexual behavior, employ gender stereotypes
- + withhold life-saving or health-promoting information about culturally appropriate health care services or provide information that is medically inaccurate or scientifically ineffective
- + be insensitive or unresponsive the needs of survivors of interpersonal violence and sexual violence
- + proselytize any religious doctrine

SB 818 was developed based on input from broad communities of stakeholders from across Illinois, including youth, educators, social workers, sexual and interpersonal violence prevention experts, health care providers, and advocates.

The REACH Act and IHYA Coalitions Support SB 818

- ACLU of Illinois
- AIDS Foundation of Chicago
- American Association of University Women (AAUW) Illinois
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- Chicago Abortion Fund
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
- Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
- Chicago Women's Health Center
- Citizen Action/Illinois
- Comprehensive Sex Ed Now
- Cook County Health
- Equality Illinois
- EverThrive Illinois
- Healing to Action
- Hult Center for Healthy Living
- Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Illinois National Organization for Women
- Illinois Public Health Association
- Illinois School Counselor Association
- Kenneth Young Center
- Lambda Legal
- Life Span
- McHenry County Citizens for Choice
- Mujeres Latinas en Acción
- National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter
- National Council of Jewish Women Illinois
- Peoria Proud
- PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois
- Planned Parenthood Illinois Action
- Prairie Pride Coalition
- Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago
- Rainbow Cafe LGBTQ Center
- Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
- She Votes Illinois
- SIECUS
- The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence
- Uniting Pride
- YWCA Evanston/North Shore



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