

School HIV law repeal moves forward

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A state House committee voted 7-1 to repeal an Illinois law that requires students report their HIV/AIDS status to school principals.

The Illinois House Human Services Committee approved legislation that would repeal the state mandate. The mandate, approved by 1987, requires that local health departments report a child's HIV status to the school principal.

Only five states in the nation—Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Nevada—require the disclosure of a student's status to a school official.

The repeal effort is backed by The Children's Place Association. The chief sponsor of the repeal legislation is Rep. Sara Feigenholtz. Proponents of a repeal feel that the mandate creates barriers for youth to get tested.