

SB3809



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/20/2024, by Sen. Mike Simmons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Provides legislative findings. Appropriates specified amounts to the Department of Public Health for grants, expenses, and administrative costs of programs relating to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus; the Getting to Zero-Illinois plan to end the HIV epidemic by 2030; the prevention, screening, and treatment services to address sexually transmitted infection cases; and the PrEP4Illinois Program to provide client navigation for pre-exposure prophylaxis services and medication access. Contains other provisions. Effective July 1, 2024.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented**
3 **in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Legislative findings.

5 (a) For more than 4 decades, HIV/AIDS has ravaged
6 communities across America and Illinois, doubling down on the
7 racial health disparities also laid bare across the opioid
8 epidemic, maternal and infant mortality rates, COVID-19
9 mortality and morbidity rates, and the rising rates of sexually
10 transmitted infections, such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, and
11 syphilis.

12 (b) According to the Centers for Disease Control and
13 Prevention (CDC), HIV transmission can be virtually eliminated
14 when linkage to HIV medications and medical care are widely
15 accessible. Treatment and prevention strategies, such as Pre-
16 Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Undetectable=Untransmittable
17 (U=U), are time-tested, science-based interventions that
18 prevent new HIV diagnoses. Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is
19 a prevention strategy that involves sexually active HIV-
20 negative adults and adolescents taking prescription medications
21 to prevent HIV acquisition. PrEP is 99% effective in preventing
22 HIV when taken as prescribed. U=U acknowledges the proven
23 science that people living with HIV who have an undetectable

1 viral load pose no chance of transmitting the virus sexually.
2 However, issues relating to access to health care, housing,
3 steady and sufficient income, mental health and substance-use
4 services, HIV treatment, addressing HIV-related stigma, and
5 access to PrEP persist as barriers to lowering the HIV incidence
6 rates across Illinois.

7 (c) The State of Illinois will need to develop and support
8 programs grounded in racial health equity to address the health
9 disparities experienced by people who are living with or
10 vulnerable to HIV, especially among our Black, Latiné, and
11 LGBTQ+ communities. These new State funding opportunities for
12 Fiscal Year 2025 aim to increase access to clinical and
13 supportive services for HIV testing, treatment, and prevention
14 that will further advance the goals and strategies of the
15 Getting to Zero Illinois plan to end the HIV epidemic in
16 Illinois by 2030.

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18 Section 5. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
19 as may be necessary, are appropriated to the Department of
20 Public Health for expenses of programs related to Acquired
21 Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Human Immunodeficiency
22 Virus (HIV):

23 OFFICE OF HEALTH PROTECTION: AIDS/HIV

24 No less than one-half (50%) of all funds appropriated in

1 any fiscal year to the Department of Public Health's Office of
 2 Health Protection: AIDS/HIV Division shall be used for expenses
 3 pursuant to HIV/AIDS programs serving minority populations.

4 Payable from the General Revenue Fund:

5 For Expenses of AIDS/HIV Education, Drugs,
 6 Services, Counseling, Testing, Outreach to
 7 Minority Populations, Costs Associated with
 8 Correctional Facilities Counseling, Testing
 9 Referral and Partner Notification (CTRPN),
 10 and Patient and Worker Notification Pursuant
 11 to Public Act 87-763\$27,562,400

12 For Grants and Other Expenses for the Prevention
 13 and Treatment of HIV/AIDS and the Creation of an
 14 HIV/AIDS Service Delivery System to Reduce the
 15 the Disparity of HIV Infection and AIDS Cases
 16 Between African Americans and Other
 17 Population Groups\$4,000,000

18 Payable from the Public Health Services Fund:

19 For Expenses of Programs for
 20 Prevention of AIDS/HIV\$7,250,000

21 For Expenses for Surveillance Programs and

1	Seroprevalence Studies of AIDS/HIV	\$2,750,000
2	For Expenses Associated with the Ryan White	
3	Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Act of	
4	1990 (CARE) and other AIDS/HIV services	\$100,000,000
5	Payable from the Quality of Life Endowment Fund:	
6	For Grants and Expenses Associated with HIV/AIDS	
7	Prevention and Education	\$1,000,000
8	Total	\$142,562,400

9 Section 10. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as
10 may be necessary, is appropriated from the African-American
11 HIV/AIDS Response Fund to the Department of Public Health for
12 grants and administrative expenses associated with the
13 prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and the creation of an
14 HIV/AIDS service delivery system to reduce the disparity of HIV
15 infection and AIDS cases among African-Americans.

16 Section 15. The sum of \$5,500,000, or so much thereof as
17 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public
18 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs
19 related to the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and
20 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and specifically to the

1 Getting to Zero-Illinois (GTZ) plan to end the HIV epidemic by
2 2030.

3 Section 20. The sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may
4 be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public
5 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs
6 related to the prevention, screening, and treatment services
7 to address sexually transmitted infection (STI) cases.

8 Section 25. The sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as
9 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public
10 Health from the General Revenue Fund for expenses of programs
11 related to the PrEP4Illinois Program to provide client
12 navigation for pre-exposure prophylaxis services and medication
13 access. A portion of this funding must be spent on establishing
14 the mechanism, process, policy, or system needed to allow the
15 PrEP4Illinois program to pay for the ancillary services
16 (including, but not limited to, provider office visits or labs)
17 associated with being on pre-exposure prophylaxis, as well as
18 to begin covering the cost of such ancillary services for the
19 uninsured and underinsured people in the Department of Public
20 Health's PrEP4Illinois program.

21 Section 30. The sum of \$2,500,000, or so much thereof as
22 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund

1 to the Department of Public Health for grants, expenses of
2 programs and administrative costs related to the implementation
3 of the Rapid Start for HIV treatment pilot program. A portion
4 of this funding shall be used to cover administrative expenses
5 to hire an HIV Treatment Innovation Coordinator that will
6 develop and execute a comprehensive strategy to adopt a Rapid
7 Start model for HIV treatment as the standard of care.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
9 2024.