

NEWS from the Office of Governor Pat Quinn

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Governor Quinn Signs Major Law to Keep Illinois Children Safe

“Erin’s Law” Helps Prevent Sexual Assault and Abuse, Empowers Victims

CHICAGO – January 24, 2013. Governor Pat Quinn today signed a new law requiring schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades pre-K through 12. Known as Erin’s Law, House Bill 6193 will help give victims a voice and prevent future incidents of sexual assault and abuse.

Previously in Illinois, only secondary schools were required to include sexual assault and abuse awareness education. House bill 6193 expands this requirement to include elementary and middle schools. The law also requires that teachers participate in professional development and training classes that cover sexual assault and abuse.