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Introduced by:

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Senate Sponsor: Emma SchwarzHouse Sponsor: Annabelle DelaneyCo-Sponsors: Ella Kunkel Cate Van LieuDelegation: **Waubonsie Valley High School****A BILL**

For an Act to create Chapter 105 - Education, Section Educational Advancement of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, relating to Public Safety Classes as a Graduation Requirement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

1 Section I. Once a child enters freshman year, or ninth grade, as a new public high
2 school student, their school health or physical education class is required to teach
3 public safety skills, including CPR and self-defense, to help protect others and
4 themselves. This is important for everyone to learn, as these real world skills will be
5 important in times of danger that anyone has the potential to face.

6 Section II. If a school does not offer these public safety classes, they will face
7 financial fines. If the school offers these classes, it will be treated as a graduation
8 requirement, and if a student does not comply with this, they will not be able to
9 receive their diploma. Graduation will be delayed until this credit is filled.

10 Section III. For the individual, enforcing this new bill will be on the schools to require
11 these classes into their curriculum.

12 Section IV. This bill is relatively cheap. Self defense certification and training for
13 teachers would equal up to around \$350,000. 75% of schools already offer CPR
14 certification, so the money would go to the self-defense training and the rest of the
15 schools who do no

16 Section V. This Bill shall go into effect on June 30th, 2021 upon the signature of the
17 Youth Governor of the State of Illinois.