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## **Conyears-Ervin's New Law Aims to Reduce Bullying in Schools**

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill.** – A new law sponsored by state Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin, D-Chicago, will require schools to help students being targeted by bullies.

“Far too often students are bullied, making school an unbearable place for them,” said Conyears-Ervin. “School is supposed to be a place where students go not only to get an education, but also learn about who they are and who they want to be in the future. Bullying prevents our children from being able to learn. Parents, teachers and other school workers must work together to reduce bullying.”

Conyears-Ervin was the chief House sponsor of House Bill 2950, which is now law. The law requires schools to periodically provide resources to students about what they can do if they or another student is being bullied. According to [StopBullying.gov](http://StopBullying.gov), bullying can have severe impacts on the mental health and academic achievement of students, which can affect individuals as adults. Conyears-Ervin wants to ensure that all students are given tools to be successful.

“As a new mother, I never want my child to feel unsafe at any point, especially at school,” said Conyears-Ervin. “With this new law, students will know who they can turn to if they are being bullied, and it will ultimately protect students from the negative impacts that bullying can have on their academic successes.”

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