

Illinois SB 3023

The Community-Law Enforcement Partnership for Deflection and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act

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SB 3023 gives police and communities a valuable tool to use in combating the opioid crisis.

It authorizes and encourages local law enforcement leaders to create collaborative local programs that “deflect” individuals who have overdosed or who have substance use problems away from the criminal justice system and into addiction treatment services.

What are deflection programs?

Police officers are on the front lines of the opioid crisis. Traditionally, they have had two choices when faced with someone they believe may have a substance use disorder—to arrest or to not arrest. Deflection programs provide a third option, to connect people with community-based substance use services that address their underlying substance use problems.

What does SB 3023 do?

SB 3023 provides a roadmap for partnerships between law enforcement, substance use treatment providers, and community members to guide the development of deflection programs in their communities. *Illinois is the first state in the nation to consider deflection legislation this comprehensive.*

- It lays out deflection program types and their key features, offering guidance and a range of options to municipalities rather than focusing on any one model
- It ensures that the impact of deflection programs is measured and understood by requiring the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to lead the development of a set of minimum data to be collected and, for programs that receive funding, a performance measurement system.
 - This will also provide a platform for ensuring that the racial disparities present in the criminal justice system can be prevented in deflection programs as they develop.
- Modeled after “Good Samaritan” protections for police and emergency responders with regard to their use of the opioid overdose antidote naloxone, SB 3023 provides immunity from civil liabilities to law enforcement partners for program-related activities provided in good faith, removing a potential barrier to new program development.
- To incentivize broad-scale implementation, it authorizes appropriations for deflection program activities, such as program management, peer recovery and case management services, transportation, and/or evaluation.
- SB 3023 does NOT require that any law enforcement agencies in Illinois create deflection programs, and does NOT require the State to appropriate funding for deflection programs.

Opioid OD Deaths in Illinois:

- The number of overdose deaths from all opioids increased by 82% in just the last 3 years.
- Opioid drug overdoses killed 45% more people than homicides.
- Opioid drug overdoses killed 25% more people than motor vehicle crashes.
- Opioid drug overdoses killed more people than people who died due to all gun-related causes (including homicide, suicide, and accidental shootings).
- Opioid overdoses are an urban, suburban, and rural problem.

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National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter
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