



# SAFER SCHOOLS, HEALTHIER PUBLIC SPACES, STRONGER COMMUNITIES

NOTICE OF STATE RESTRICTED PESTICIDE APPLICATION ACT  
HB 1596 | REP. FAVER DIAS

**Chemical Trespass**—the drifting of herbicides and pesticides beyond their intended target—not only harms trees, plants, and wildlife, it is also a serious human health concern. Children playing outside at nearby schools, parks, and playgrounds may be especially vulnerable.

## WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

The Notice of State Restricted Pesticide Application Act (HB1596) ensures that school administrators, child care providers, and park or playground officials located within 1,500 feet of large-scale state restricted pesticide applications (defined as 5 or more continuous acres) have the opportunity to opt in to receive advance notification. The Act requires that, for any opted-in facility, written notification (via email) must be provided 24 to 72 hours prior to applications made within 1,500 ft of the property—giving these institutions more information about potential pesticide exposure risks.

### What qualifies as a large-scale pesticide application?

Any pesticide applications to areas greater than five acres.

### What is a state restricted pesticide?

Any pesticide with one or more of its uses classified as restricted by order of the USEPA.

**Approximately 35% of Illinois schools, 29% of daycares, and 37% of park properties are within 1500 ft of an agriculture field or potential source of pesticide application.**

This commonsense, science-backed measure prioritizes public health, environmental safety, and transparency. By improving communication between pesticide applicators and nearby communities, this legislation helps protect public spaces and the people who rely on them.

## WHO WILL BE NOTIFIED?

- **Schools:** Public and private pre-schools, primary, and secondary schools.
- **Child Care Centers:** State-registered daycares and part-day child care centers.
- **Playgrounds:** Land owned or controlled by a unit of local government that is designated by the unit of local government for use solely or primarily for children's recreation.
- **Parks:** Parks, forest preserves, or conservation areas under the jurisdiction of the State or a unit of local government.

## NOTIFICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- **Location, date, and time range of pesticide use**
- **Product name and type (e.g. insecticide, fungicide, etc.)**
- **Contact info for the certified applicator and Illinois Department of Agriculture**

**Keeping our environment and children safe starts with awareness! Support HB1596 to protect them from chemical trespass.**

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