

## How to File a Witness Slip for HB2960: Expanding Mental Health Education in Illinois Schools

### Support HB2960 – A Vital Step for Mental Health Education!

**Bill Sponsor:** Representative Faver Dias and Representative Lindsey LaPointe

**Youth Advocates & Co-Writers:** Abhinav Anne (Global Health Advocate & World Health Organization Youth Council Member) and Sai Ganbote (Co-Founder, Youth for Neuro Chicago & Aurora Youth Council Executive Member)

**Overview of HB2960** House Bill 2960 (HB2960) seeks to **expand mental health education** in Illinois middle and high schools. If passed, this bill would mandate that schools offering health education **incorporate comprehensive mental health instruction**, covering:

- Core principles of mental well-being
- Recognizing signs of mental health challenges (e.g., depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation)
- Accessing mental health resources
- Importantly, students will NOT be required to disclose personal mental health information to school instruction.

**Full Bill Details:** [Read HB2960 Here](#)

**Use the Following to Submit a Witness Slip ASAP (No Logins)!**

**Submission Link:** [View & Submit Your Witness Slip](#)

- **Locate HB2960 Bill# with Rep Laura Faver Dias listed by searching it up on the website**
- **Then click the following icon:  to create a witness Slip**
- **Skip to Step 4**

**Time to Complete:** Filing a witness slip takes **under 5 minutes**—a small action with a big impact!

**Illinois General Assembly Witness Slip User Guide:** [ILGA DASHBOARD – WITNESS SLIP USER GUIDE](#)

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### Step-by-Step Guide to Filing a Witness Slip

**Step 1: Access the Illinois General Assembly Dashboard** Go to [my.ilga.gov](https://my.ilga.gov) and navigate to "Committee Hearings."

#### Step 2: Sign In (Recommended)

- Click **"Log On"** at the top right to create an account. While not required, this lets you edit/view your slip later.

### Step 3: Locate HB2960

- Find the hearing for HB2960, click "**View Hearing Details**" and locate the bill in the list.

### Step 4: Fill Out the Witness Slip Form

#### Section I: Identification

- Enter your **full name**
- Provide your **home address** (or organization if applicable)
- Add **contact details** (email & phone)

#### Section II: Representation

- **If representing yourself**, enter "Self" or "N/A." **If representing an organization**, enter the authorized organization's name.

#### Section III: Position

- Select "**Proponent**" to support the bill.

#### Section IV: Testimony

- Choose "**Record of Appearance Only**" unless you plan to submit a written or verbal statement.

### Step 5: Submit Your Witness Slip

- Agree to the **Terms of Agreement** (checkbox at the bottom)
- Complete the **CAPTCHA** verification
- Click "**Create (Slip)**" to submit

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### Why Your Witness Slip Matters!

**Lawmakers review these slips** before hearings to gauge public support. Your input **directly influences legislative decisions!**

#### Key Reminders:

- **Submissions Close at the End of the Hearing** – File early to ensure your position is recorded!
- **One Slip Per Hearing** – If HB2960 is heard multiple times, submit a new slip for each session.
- **No Account? No Edits!** – Without logging in, you cannot modify your submission later.

Let's make mental health education a priority in Illinois! **File your witness slip today!**