

OPPOSE HB 4247 – RESTRICT EDUCATION & TRAINING MEETINGS ATTENDED BY STATE EMPLOYEES

HB 4247 would restrict state agencies from participating in safety training, public health and medical training. Public health departments and well as building departments, work together through professional associations to hold training and educational sessions for their members. Many state employees are required by law to maintain specific certifications by attending continuing education meetings related to their profession (like plumbing inspectors and they go to continuing ed sessions sponsored by non-profits such as the IL Plumbing Inspectors Association) yet HB 4247 would make the employee pay out of pocket to attend this training. It is much more cost effective than having the trainer come to one meeting and train everyone there than to have the trainer travel to each entity and do individualized training.

This legislation sets a dangerous precedent which could cripple organizations, whose main mission is to provide education and training so that they public health and building safety officials, etc., are on top of their field when providing services (building inspections, plumbing inspections, immunizations programs, Opioid prevention, communicable disease prevention, etc.,) to local constituencies otherwise our citizens at a greater public health and safety risk.

OPPONENTS

- International Code Council
- IL Municipal League
- IL Council of Code Administrators
- IL Plumbing Inspectors Association
- IL Public Health Association
- IL Rural Health Association
- Code Enforcement Officials of Southern Illinois
- Fox Valley Fire & Building Inspection Association
- IL Association of Code Enforcement
- IL Plumbing Inspector Association
- IL Protective Officials Conference
- ILLOWA
- Northwest Building Officials & Code Administrators
- South Suburban Building Officials Association
- Suburban Building Officials Conference