



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-13.1

from Ch. 122, par. 27-13.1

Amends the School Code. Provides that every public school shall provide instruction, study, and discussion of current problems and needs in the conservation of natural resources, including climate change. Provides that the content of climate change curriculum must be supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals or comprises of information recognized as accurate and objective. Provides that the State Board of Education may devise or approve the climate change education curriculum.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-13.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-13.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-13.1)

7 Sec. 27-13.1. In every public school there shall be
8 instruction, study and discussion of current problems and
9 needs in the conservation of natural resources, including, but
10 not limited to, climate change, air pollution, water
11 pollution, waste reduction and recycling, the effects of
12 excessive use of pesticides, preservation of wilderness areas,
13 forest management, protection of wildlife and humane care of
14 domestic animals. The content of the climate change curriculum
15 in this Section must be verified or supported by the weight of
16 research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific
17 methods and published in peer-reviewed journals, if
18 applicable, or comprises of information recognized as accurate
19 and objective. The State Board of Education may devise or
20 approve the climate change education curriculum.

21 (Source: P.A. 86-229.)