

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 adding Sections
5 2-3.148 and 27-23.8 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.148 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.148. Disability history and awareness campaign.

8 The State Board of Education shall promote an annual campaign
9 about disability history and awareness in this State. The
10 campaign shall be designed to increase public awareness and
11 respect for people with disabilities who comprise a substantial
12 percentage of this State's population, teach future
13 generations that people with disabilities have a rich history
14 and have made valuable contributions throughout this State and
15 the United States, and teach future generations that disability
16 is a natural part of life and that people with disabilities
17 have a right to be treated with civil, legal, and human rights
18 and as full human beings above all else.

19 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.8 new)

20 Sec. 27-23.8. Disability history and awareness.

21 (a) A school district shall provide instruction on
22 disability history, people with disabilities, and the

1 disability rights movement. Instruction may be included in
2 those courses that the school district chooses. This
3 instruction must be founded on the principle that all students,
4 including students with disabilities, have the right to
5 exercise self-determination. When possible, individuals with
6 disabilities should be incorporated into the development and
7 delivery of this instruction. This instruction may be
8 supplemented by knowledgeable guest speakers from the
9 disability community. A school board may collaborate with
10 community-based organizations, such as centers for independent
11 living, parent training and information centers, and other
12 consumer-driven groups, and disability membership
13 organizations in creating this instruction.

14 (b) The State Board of Education may prepare and make
15 available to all school boards resource materials that may be
16 used as guidelines for the development of instruction for
17 disability history and awareness under this Section.

18 (c) Each school board shall determine the minimum amount of
19 instructional time required under this Section.

20 (d) The regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a
21 school district's compliance with this Section's curricular
22 requirement during his or her annual compliance visit.

23 Section 10. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
24 adding Section 45 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 305/45 new)

2 Sec. 45. Disability history and awareness. The University
3 may conduct and promote activities that provide education on,
4 awareness of, and an understanding of disability history,
5 people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

6 Section 15. The Southern Illinois University Management
7 Act is amended by adding Section 30 as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 520/30 new)

9 Sec. 30. Disability history and awareness. The University
10 may conduct and promote activities that provide education on,
11 awareness of, and an understanding of disability history,
12 people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

13 Section 20. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
14 adding Section 5-140 as follows:

15 (110 ILCS 660/5-140 new)

16 Sec. 5-140. Disability history and awareness. The
17 University may conduct and promote activities that provide
18 education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability
19 history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights
20 movement.

21 Section 25. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended

1 by adding Section 10-140 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 665/10-140 new)

3 Sec. 10-140. Disability history and awareness. The
4 University may conduct and promote activities that provide
5 education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability
6 history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights
7 movement.

8 Section 30. The Governors State University Law is amended
9 by adding Section 15-140 as follows:

10 (110 ILCS 670/15-140 new)

11 Sec. 15-140. Disability history and awareness. The
12 University may conduct and promote activities that provide
13 education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability
14 history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights
15 movement.

16 Section 35. The Illinois State University Law is amended by
17 adding Section 20-145 as follows:

18 (110 ILCS 675/20-145 new)

19 Sec. 20-145. Disability history and awareness. The
20 University may conduct and promote activities that provide
21 education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability

1 history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights
2 movement.

3 Section 40. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
4 amended by adding Section 25-140 as follows:

5 (110 ILCS 680/25-140 new)

6 Sec. 25-140. Disability history and awareness. The
7 University may conduct and promote activities that provide
8 education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability
9 history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights
10 movement.

11 Section 45. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended
12 by adding Section 30-150 as follows:

13 (110 ILCS 685/30-150 new)

14 Sec. 30-150. Disability history and awareness. The
15 University may conduct and promote activities that provide
16 education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability
17 history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights
18 movement.

19 Section 50. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
20 by adding Section 35-145 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 690/35-145 new)

2 Sec. 35-145. Disability history and awareness. The
3 University may conduct and promote activities that provide
4 education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability
5 history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights
6 movement.