



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2270

Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Celina Villanueva

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-20.9 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, every public elementary school and high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Latina and Latino history, including the history of Latinas and Latinos in Illinois and the Midwest, as well as the contributions of Latinas and Latinos toward advancing civil rights from the 19th century onward. Provides that these events shall include the contributions made by individual Latinas and Latinos in government and the arts, humanities, and sciences, as well as the contributions of Latina and Latino communities to the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the United States. Provides that the studying of this material shall constitute an affirmation by students of their commitment to respect the dignity of all races and peoples and to forever eschew every form of discrimination in their lives and careers. Establishes requirements for the State Superintendent of Education, regional superintendents, and each school board concerning instructional materials and guidelines. Permits a school to meet requirements through an online program or course.

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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 adding Section  
5 27-20.9 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.9 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.9. Latina and Latino studies.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, every public  
9 elementary school and high school shall include in its  
10 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Latina  
11 and Latino history, including the history of Latinas and  
12 Latinos in Illinois and the Midwest, as well as the  
13 contributions of Latinas and Latinos toward advancing civil  
14 rights from the 19th century onward. These events shall  
15 include the contributions made by individual Latinas and  
16 Latinos in government and the arts, humanities, and sciences,  
17 as well as the contributions of Latina and Latino communities  
18 to the economic, cultural, social, and political development  
19 of the United States. The studying of this material shall  
20 constitute an affirmation by students of their commitment to  
21 respect the dignity of all races and peoples and to forever  
22 eschew every form of discrimination in their lives and  
23 careers.

1       (b) The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and  
2       make available to all school boards instructional materials,  
3       including those established by the Public Broadcasting  
4       Service, that may be used as guidelines for development of a  
5       unit of instruction under this Section. However, each school  
6       board shall itself determine the minimum amount of  
7       instructional time that qualifies as a unit of instruction  
8       satisfying the requirements of this Section.

9       (c) A regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a  
10       school district's compliance with this Section's curricular  
11       requirements during his or her annual compliance visit.

12       (d) A school may meet the requirements of this Section  
13       through an online program or course.