

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 27-20.8 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.8 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.8. Asian American history study.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, every public
9 elementary school and high school shall include in its
10 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Asian
11 American history, including the history of Asian Americans in
12 Illinois and the Midwest, as well as the contributions of
13 Asian Americans toward advancing civil rights from the 19th
14 century onward. These events shall include the contributions
15 made by individual Asian Americans in government and the arts,
16 humanities, and sciences, as well as the contributions of
17 Asian American communities to the economic, cultural, social,
18 and political development of the United States. The studying
19 of this material shall constitute an affirmation by students
20 of their commitment to respect the dignity of all races and
21 peoples and to forever eschew every form of discrimination in
22 their lives and careers.

23 (b) The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and

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

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

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