

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 27-20.7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.7 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.7. Asian History Study.

8 (a) Every public elementary school and high school shall
9 include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the
10 events of Asian History, including South Asia and the Pacific
11 Islands. These events shall include not only the
12 contributions made by individual Asian-Americans in
13 government and in the arts, humanities, and sciences to the
14 economic, cultural, and political development of the United
15 States and Asia but also the struggle that Asian-Americans
16 experience collectively in striving to achieve fair and equal
17 treatment under the laws of this nation. The studying of this
18 material shall constitute an affirmation by students of their
19 commitment to respect the dignity of all races and peoples
20 and to forever eschew every form of discrimination in their
21 lives and careers.

22 (b) The State Superintendent of Education may prepare
23 and make available to all school boards instructional
24 materials that may be used as guidelines for the development
25 of a unit of instruction under this Section, provided that
26 each school board shall itself determine the minimum amount
27 of instruction time that qualifies as a unit of instruction
28 satisfying the requirements of this Section.

29 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
30 Section 8.27 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

2 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
3 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
4 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
5 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on July
7 1, 2003.