

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
5 Section 27-21 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-21) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-21)

7 Sec. 27-21. History of United States. History of the
8 United States shall be taught in all public schools and in
9 all other educational institutions in this State supported or
10 maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds. The
11 teaching of history shall have as one of its objectives the
12 imparting to pupils of a comprehensive idea of our democratic
13 form of government and the principles for which our
14 government stands as regards other nations, including the
15 studying of the place of our government in world-wide
16 movements and the leaders thereof, with particular stress
17 upon the basic principles and ideals of our representative
18 form of government. The teaching of history shall include a
19 study of the role and contributions of African Americans and
20 other ethnic groups including but not restricted to Polish,
21 Lithuanian, German, Hungarian, Irish, Bohemian, Russian,
22 Albanian, Italian, Czech, Slovak, French, Scots, Hispanics,
23 Asian Americans, etc., in the history of this country and
24 this State. The teaching of history also shall include a
25 study of the role of labor unions and their interaction with
26 government in achieving the goals of a mixed free enterprise
27 system. No pupils shall be graduated from the eighth grade
28 of any public school unless he has received such instruction
29 in the history of the United States and gives evidence of
30 having a comprehensive knowledge thereof.

31 (Source: P.A. 92-27, eff. 7-1-01.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
2 January 1, 2004.