

1                                    AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 890

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 890, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5            "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
6 Section 27-21 as follows:

7            (105 ILCS 5/27-21) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-21)

8            Sec. 27-21. History of United States. History of the  
9 United States shall be taught in all public schools and in  
10 all other educational institutions in this State supported or  
11 maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds. The  
12 teaching of history shall have as one of its objectives the  
13 imparting to pupils of a comprehensive idea of our democratic  
14 form of government and the principles for which our  
15 government stands as regards other nations, including the  
16 studying of the place of our government in world-wide  
17 movements and the leaders thereof, with particular stress  
18 upon the basic principles and ideals of our representative  
19 form of government. The teaching of history shall include a  
20 study of the role and contributions of African Americans and  
21 other ethnic groups including but not restricted to Polish,  
22 Lithuanian, German, Hungarian, Irish, Bohemian, Russian,

1 Albanian, Italian, Czech, Slovak, French, Scots, Hispanics,  
2 Asian Americans, etc., in the history of this country and  
3 this State. The teaching of history also shall include a  
4 study of the role of labor unions and their interaction with  
5 government in achieving the goals of a mixed free enterprise  
6 system. No pupils shall be graduated from the eighth grade  
7 of any public school unless he has received such instruction  
8 in the history of the United States and gives evidence of  
9 having a comprehensive knowledge thereof.

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

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
12 January 1, 2004."