

1 AN ACT relating to 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
20 American-Negroes and other ethnic groups including but not
21 restricted to Polish, Lithuanian, German, Hungarian, Irish,
22 Bohemian, Russian, Albanian, Italian, Czech, Slovak,
23 Czechoslovakian, French, Scots, Hispanics, etc., in the
24 history of this country and this State. The teaching of
25 history also shall include a study of the role of labor
26 unions and their interaction with government in achieving the
27 goals of a mixed free enterprise system. No pupils shall be
28 graduated from the eighth grade of any public school unless
29 he has received such instruction in the history of the United
30 States and gives evidence of having a comprehensive knowledge
31 thereof.

1 (Source: P.A. 84-126.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on

3 July 1, 2001.