



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB1559

by Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-20.08 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, every public high school may include in its curriculum a unit of instruction on media literacy; defines "media literacy". Provides requirements for the unit of instruction. Provides that the State Superintendent of Education may prepare and make available to school boards instructional materials that may be used as guidelines for the unit of instruction. Effective immediately.

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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 27-20.08 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.08 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.08. Media literacy.

8 (a) In this Section, "media literacy" means the ability to  
9 access, analyze, evaluate, create, and communicate using a  
10 variety of forms, including, but not limited to, print, visual,  
11 audio, interactive, and digital texts.

12 (b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, every public  
13 high school may include in its curriculum a unit of instruction  
14 on media literacy. The unit of instruction shall include, but  
15 is not limited to, analyzing:

16 (1) the purpose of media messages and how they are  
17 constructed;

18 (2) explicit and implicit media messages;

19 (3) values and points of view that are included and  
20 excluded in the media;

21 (4) how the media may influence ideas and behaviors;

22 and

23 (5) the importance of obtaining information from

1 multiple media sources.

2 (c) The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and  
3 make available to school boards instructional materials that  
4 may be used as guidelines for development of a unit of  
5 instruction under this Section.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.