

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.