

HB5261



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5261

by Rep. Mary Edly-Allen

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-20.5

from Ch. 122, par. 27-20.5

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the teaching of the history of women must include instruction on the significant advancements, discoveries, and contributions made by women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 Section
5 27-20.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-20.5)

7 Sec. 27-20.5. Study of the History of Women. Every public
8 elementary school and high school shall include in its
9 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of the
10 history of women in America. These events shall include not
11 only the contributions made by individual women in government,
12 the arts, sciences, education, and in the economic, cultural,
13 and political development of Illinois and of the United States,
14 but shall also include a study of women's struggles to gain the
15 right to vote and to be treated equally as they strive to earn
16 and occupy positions of merit in our society.

17 Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the teaching of
18 the history of women must include instruction on the
19 significant advancements, discoveries, and contributions made
20 by women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
21 (STEM).

22 The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and make
23 available to all school boards instructional materials that may

1 be used as guidelines for development of a unit of instruction
2 under this Section. Each school board shall determine the
3 minimum amount of instructional time that shall qualify as a
4 unit of instruction satisfying the requirements of this
5 Section.

6 (Source: P.A. 86-1256.)

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