

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Elimination of Racially Derogatory Language Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Public body" means a legislative, executive,  
8 administrative, or advisory body of this State, a State  
9 university or community college, a county, township,  
10 municipality, school district, or any other municipal  
11 corporation, board, bureau, committee, or commission of this  
12 State, any subsidiary body of any of the foregoing, including,  
13 but not limited to, a committee or subcommittee thereof, or a  
14 School Finance Authority created under Article 1E of the  
15 School Code.

16 "Racial slur" means any word or phrase used as an  
17 insulting and contemptuous or otherwise negative term for a  
18 racial or ethnic group.

19 Section 10. Display of racially derogatory language  
20 prohibited. No public body may display any racially derogatory  
21 language, including racial slurs, within its building, on its  
22 property, or at a public meeting at any time. Uses of racially

1 derogatory language in literature, for educational purposes,  
2 or as an essential component of the work performed by the  
3 public body are excluded from this Act.