



Elementary Secondary Education Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1557

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1557 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 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 United
8 States shall be taught in all public schools and in all other
9 educational institutions in this State supported or
10 maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds. The teaching
11 of history shall have as one of its objectives the imparting to
12 pupils of a comprehensive idea of our democratic form of
13 government and the principles for which our government stands
14 as regards other nations, including the studying of the place
15 of our government in world-wide movements and the leaders
16 thereof, with particular stress upon the basic principles and

1 ideals of our representative form of government. The teaching
2 of history shall include a study of the role and contributions
3 of African Americans and other ethnic groups including but not
4 restricted to Polish, Lithuanian, German, Hungarian, Irish,
5 Bohemian, Russian, Albanian, Italian, Czech, Slovak, French,
6 Scots, Hispanics, Asian Americans, etc., in the history of this
7 country and this State. To reinforce the study of the role and
8 contributions of Hispanics, such curriculum shall include the
9 study of the events related to the forceful removal and illegal
10 deportation of Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great
11 Depression. The teaching of history also shall include a study
12 of the role of labor unions and their interaction with
13 government in achieving the goals of a mixed free enterprise
14 system. No pupils shall be graduated from the eighth grade of
15 any public school unless he has received such instruction in
16 the history of the United States and gives evidence of having a
17 comprehensive knowledge thereof.

18 (Source: P.A. 92-27, eff. 7-1-01; 93-406, eff. 1-1-04.)".