

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 27-20.4 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.4) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-20.4)

7 Sec. 27-20.4. Black History Study. Every public elementary
8 school and high school shall include in its curriculum a unit
9 of instruction studying the events of Black History, including
10 the history of the African slave trade, slavery in America, and
11 the vestiges of slavery in this country. These events shall
12 include not only the contributions made by individual
13 African-Americans in government and in the arts, humanities and
14 sciences to the economic, cultural and political development of
15 the United States and Africa, but also the socio-economic
16 struggle which African-Americans experienced collectively in
17 striving to achieve fair and equal treatment under the laws of
18 this nation. The studying of this material shall constitute an
19 affirmation by students of their commitment to respect the
20 dignity of all races and peoples and to forever eschew every
21 form of discrimination in their lives and careers.

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

1 including those established by the Amistad Commission, which
2 may be used as guidelines for development of a unit of
3 instruction under this Section; provided, however, that each
4 school board shall itself determine the minimum amount of
5 instruction time which shall qualify as a unit of instruction
6 satisfying the requirements of this Section.

7 At the end of each school year, a school district must file
8 a report with the State Board of Education that summarizes each
9 school's instruction on Black History for that school year. On
10 or before August 1 of each year, the State Board of Education
11 shall compile these reports into a statewide report and file
12 the statewide report with the General Assembly as provided in
13 Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 94-285, eff. 7-21-05.)