

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections 2-3.148 and 27-23.8 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/2-3.148 new)

Sec. 2-3.148. Disability history and awareness campaign.
The State Board of Education shall promote an annual campaign about disability history and awareness in this State. The campaign shall be designed to increase public awareness and respect for people with disabilities who comprise a substantial percentage of this State's population, teach future generations that people with disabilities have a rich history and have made valuable contributions throughout this State and the United States, and teach future generations that disability is a natural part of life and that people with disabilities have a right to be treated with civil, legal, and human rights and as full human beings above all else.

(105 ILCS 5/27-23.8 new)

Sec. 27-23.8. Disability history and awareness.
(a) A school district shall provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the

disability rights movement. Instruction may be included in those courses that the school district chooses. This instruction must be founded on the principle that all students, including students with disabilities, have the right to exercise self-determination. When possible, individuals with disabilities should be incorporated into the development and delivery of this instruction. This instruction may be supplemented by knowledgeable guest speakers from the disability community. A school board may collaborate with community-based organizations, such as centers for independent living, parent training and information centers, and other consumer-driven groups, and disability membership organizations in creating this instruction.

(b) The State Board of Education may prepare and make available to all school boards resource materials that may be used as guidelines for the development of instruction for disability history and awareness under this Section.

(c) Each school board shall determine the minimum amount of instructional time required under this Section.

(d) The regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a school district's compliance with this Section's curricular requirement during his or her annual compliance visit.

Section 10. The University of Illinois Act is amended by adding Section 45 as follows:

(110 ILCS 305/45 new)

Sec. 45. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

Section 15. The Southern Illinois University Management Act is amended by adding Section 30 as follows:

(110 ILCS 520/30 new)

Sec. 30. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

Section 20. The Chicago State University Law is amended by adding Section 5-140 as follows:

(110 ILCS 660/5-140 new)

Sec. 5-140. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

Section 25. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended

by adding Section 10-140 as follows:

(110 ILCS 665/10-140 new)

Sec. 10-140. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

Section 30. The Governors State University Law is amended by adding Section 15-140 as follows:

(110 ILCS 670/15-140 new)

Sec. 15-140. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

Section 35. The Illinois State University Law is amended by adding Section 20-145 as follows:

(110 ILCS 675/20-145 new)

Sec. 20-145. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability

history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

Section 40. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is amended by adding Section 25-140 as follows:

(110 ILCS 680/25-140 new)

Sec. 25-140. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

Section 45. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended by adding Section 30-150 as follows:

(110 ILCS 685/30-150 new)

Sec. 30-150. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

Section 50. The Western Illinois University Law is amended by adding Section 35-145 as follows:

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(110 ILCS 690/35-145 new)

Sec. 35-145. Disability history and awareness. The University may conduct and promote activities that provide education on, awareness of, and an understanding of disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.