

1 AN ACT relating to 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
5 Section 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
8 United States shall be taught in all public schools and in
9 all other educational institutions in this State supported or
10 maintained, in whole or in part, by public funds. The
11 teaching of history shall have as one of its objectives the
12 imparting to pupils of a comprehensive idea of our democratic
13 form of government and the principles for which our
14 government stands as regards other nations, including the
15 studying of the place of our government in world-wide
16 movements and the leaders thereof, with particular stress
17 upon the basic principles and ideals of our representative
18 form of government. The teaching of history shall include a
19 study of the role and contributions of African Americans
20 ~~Ameriean--Negrees~~ and other ethnic groups including but not
21 restricted to Polish, Lithuanian, German, Hungarian, Irish,
22 Bohemian, Russian, Albanian, Italian, Czechoslovakian,
23 French, Scots, Hispanics, etc., in the history of this
24 country and this State. The teaching of history also shall
25 include a study of the role of labor unions and their
26 interaction with government in achieving the goals of a mixed
27 free enterprise system. No pupils shall be graduated from
28 the eighth grade of any public school unless he has received
29 such instruction in the history of the United States and
30 gives evidence of having a comprehensive knowledge thereof.

31 (Source: P.A. 84-126.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
2 July 1, 2001.