

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

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 27-20.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-20.3)

7 Sec. 27-20.3. Holocaust and Genocide Study. Every public
8 elementary school and high school shall include in its
9 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of the
10 Nazi atrocities of 1933 to 1945. This period in world history
11 is known as the Holocaust, during which 6,000,000 Jews and
12 millions of non-Jews were exterminated. One of the universal
13 lessons of the Holocaust is that national, ethnic, racial, or
14 religious hatred can overtake any nation or society, leading to
15 calamitous consequences. To reinforce that lesson, such
16 curriculum shall include an additional unit of instruction
17 studying other acts of genocide across the globe. This unit
18 shall include, but not be limited to, the Armenian Genocide,
19 the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine, and more recent atrocities in
20 Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sudan. The studying of this
21 material is a reaffirmation of the commitment of free peoples
22 from all nations to never again permit the occurrence of
23 another Holocaust and a recognition that crimes of genocide
24 continue to be perpetrated across the globe as they have been
25 in the past and to deter indifference to crimes against
26 humanity and human suffering wherever they may occur.

27 The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and make
28 available to all school boards instructional materials which
29 may be used as guidelines for development of a unit of
30 instruction under this Section; provided, however, that each
31 school board shall itself determine the minimum amount of
32 instruction time which shall qualify as a unit of instruction

1 satisfying the requirements of this Section.

2 (Source: P.A. 86-780.)

3 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
4 Section 8.29 as follows:

5 (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)

6 Sec. 8.29. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
7 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
8 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
9 the 94th General Assembly.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.