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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, 105 ILCS 5/27-20.4 requires that every public
3 elementary school and high school shall include in its
4 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Black
5 History, including the history of the African slave trade,
6 slavery in America, and the vestiges of slavery in this
7 country; these events shall include not only the contributions
8 made by individual African-Americans in government and in the
9 arts, humanities and sciences to the economic, cultural and
10 political development of the United States and Africa, but also
11 the socio-economic struggle which African-Americans
12 experienced collectively in striving to achieve fair and equal
13 treatment under the laws of this nation; the studying of this
14 material shall constitute an affirmation by students of their
15 commitment to respect the dignity of all races and peoples and
16 to forever eschew every form of discrimination in their lives
17 and careers; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the
20 Illinois State Board of Education is directed to conduct an
21 audit of every Illinois school district's history curriculum
22 from K-12 to review the following: (1) Does the district's
23 curricular material no matter the format contain a current unit
24 on African American history, (2) At what grade school level

1 does the district begin teaching African American history, (3)
2 At what level does the district stop teaching African American
3 history, (4) Does standardized testing include material on
4 African American history, and if so, at what levels, and (5)
5 What is ISBE's position on teaching African American history,
6 what are their protocols, and what are their penalties if their
7 instructions are not being followed; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That this audit is requested to be completed on
9 or before August 15, 2018; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this be delivered to
11 James T. Meeks, Chairman of the Illinois State Board of
12 Education.