



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4139

Introduced 10/15/2025, by Rep. Aarón M. Ortiz

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-20.9 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, every public elementary school and high school shall include the study of Latinx communities in the curriculum across all content areas, including the contributions made by individual Latinx communities in government and the arts, humanities, mathematics, and sciences, as well as the contributions of Latinx to the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the United States. Allows the State Superintendent of Education to prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials that may be used as guidelines for development of the unit of instruction. Requires a regional superintendent of schools to monitor a school district's compliance with the curricular requirements. Provides that each school board shall itself determine the minimum amount of instructional time that qualifies as a unit of instruction satisfying these requirements. Allows a school to meet the requirements through an online program or course.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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 adding Section
5 27-20.9 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.9 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.9. Latinx studies.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, every public
9 elementary school and high school shall include the study of
10 Latinx communities in the curriculum across all content areas,
11 to be rooted in several key factors, including historical
12 factors, cross-cultural awareness, cultural representation,
13 and the promotion of social equity. The instruction shall
14 include the contributions made by individual Latinx
15 communities in government and in the arts, humanities,
16 mathematics, and sciences, as well as the contributions of
17 Latinx to the economic, cultural, social, and political
18 development of the United States. The studying of this
19 material shall constitute an affirmation by students of their
20 commitment to respect the dignity of all races and peoples and
21 to forever eschew every form of discrimination in their lives
22 and careers.

23 (b) The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and

1 make available to all school boards instructional materials,
2 including those established by the Public Broadcasting
3 Service, that may be used as guidelines for development of a
4 unit of instruction under this Section. However, each school
5 board shall itself determine the minimum amount of
6 instructional time that qualifies as a unit of instruction
7 satisfying the requirements of this Section.

8 (c) A regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a
9 school district's compliance with this Section's curricular
10 requirements during his or her annual compliance visit.

11 (d) A school may meet the requirements of this Section
12 through an online program or course.