



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4372

Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-550 new

Amends the School Code. Requires every public elementary and high school to include in its curriculum the study of the contributions made by Latin Americans to the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the United States. Provides that the regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a school district's compliance with the requirement during the regional superintendent's annual compliance visit and make recommendations for improvement. Provides that the failure by a school district or school to comply with the requirement shall result in a written warning for the first offense, and if the school district or school continues to fail to comply with the requirements, the school district or school shall face disciplinary action at the discretion of the regional superintendent. Requires the State Superintendent of Education to prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials and professional development opportunities that may be used as guidelines for the development of a Latin American unit of study. Effective August 1, 2026.

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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 27-550 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-550 new)

7 Sec. 27-550. Latine studies.

8 (a) Every public elementary and high school shall include  
9 in its curriculum the study of the contributions made by Latin  
10 Americans to the economic, cultural, social, and political  
11 development of the United States. The instruction shall  
12 include the events of the Latine experience and Latin American  
13 history, including the contributions made by Latin Americans  
14 in government and the arts, humanities, and sciences, as well  
15 as the effects of colonialism in society.

16 (b) The regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a  
17 school district's compliance with the requirements of this  
18 Section during the regional superintendent's annual compliance  
19 visit and make recommendations for improvement, including  
20 professional development. Failure by a school district or  
21 school to comply with this Section shall result in a written  
22 warning for the first offense. If the school district or  
23 school continues to fail to comply with this Section, the

1 school district or school shall face disciplinary action at  
2 the discretion of the regional superintendent.

3 (c) The State Superintendent of Education shall prepare  
4 and make available to all school boards instructional  
5 materials and professional development opportunities that may  
6 be used as guidelines for the development of a unit of study  
7 under this Section. However, each school board shall determine  
8 the minimum amount of instructional time that qualifies as a  
9 unit of study satisfying the requirements of this Section.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect August  
11 1, 2026.