

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 27-20.08 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.08 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.08. Media literacy.

8 (a) In this Section, "media literacy" means the ability to
9 access, analyze, evaluate, create, and communicate using a
10 variety of forms, including, but not limited to, print, visual,
11 audio, interactive, and digital texts.

12 (b) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, every public
13 high school may include in its curriculum a unit of instruction
14 on media literacy. The unit of instruction shall include, but
15 is not limited to, analyzing:

16 (1) the purpose of media messages and how they are
17 constructed;

18 (2) explicit and implicit media messages;

19 (3) values and points of view that are included and
20 excluded in the media;

21 (4) how the media may influence ideas and behaviors;

22 and

23 (5) the importance of obtaining information from

1 multiple media sources.

2 (c) The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and
3 make available to school boards instructional materials that
4 may be used as guidelines for development of a unit of
5 instruction under this Section.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.