



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

SB1557

Introduced 2/18/2009, by Sen. William Delgado

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-20.7 new

Amends the School Code. Requires every public elementary school and high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events related to the forceful removal and illegal deportation of almost 2,000,000 Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great Depression, beginning in 1929 and ending in the mid-1940's. Allows the State Superintendent of Education to prepare and make available to all school boards instructional materials. Provides that each school board shall itself determine the minimum amount of instruction time that shall qualify as a unit of instruction. Effective January 1, 2010.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 27-20.7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.7 new)

7 Sec. 27-20.7. Study of Mexican-American History. Every
8 public elementary school and high school shall include in its
9 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events related to
10 the forceful removal and illegal deportation of almost
11 2,000,000 Mexican-American U.S. citizens during the Great
12 Depression, beginning in 1929 and ending in the mid-1940's.

13 The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and make
14 available to all school boards instructional materials, which
15 may be used as guidelines for development of a unit of
16 instruction under this Section; provided that each school board
17 shall itself determine the minimum amount of instruction time
18 that shall qualify as a unit of instruction satisfying the
19 requirements of this Section.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
21 1, 2010.