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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2997

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2997 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-20.8 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.8)

7 Sec. 27-20.8. Asian American and Arab American history
8 study.

9 (a) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, every public
10 elementary school and high school shall include in its
11 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Asian
12 American history, including the history of Asian Americans in
13 Illinois and the Midwest, as well as the contributions of
14 Asian Americans toward advancing civil rights from the 19th
15 century onward. These events shall include the contributions
16 made by individual Asian Americans in government and the arts,

1 humanities, and sciences, as well as the contributions of
2 Asian American communities to the economic, cultural, social,
3 and political development of the United States. The studying
4 of this material shall constitute an affirmation by students
5 of their commitment to respect the dignity of all races and
6 peoples and to forever eschew every form of discrimination in
7 their lives and careers.

8 (a-5) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, every
9 public elementary school and high school shall include in its
10 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Arab
11 American history, including the history of Arab Americans in
12 this State and the Midwest, as well as the contributions of
13 Arab Americans from the 19th century onward. These events
14 shall include the contributions made by individual Arab
15 Americans in government and the arts, humanities, and
16 sciences, as well as the contributions of Arab American
17 communities 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
24 make available to all school boards instructional materials,
25 including those established by the Public Broadcasting
26 Service, that may be used as guidelines for development of a

1 unit of instruction under this Section. However, each school
2 board shall itself determine the minimum amount of
3 instructional time that qualifies as a unit of instruction
4 satisfying the requirements of this Section.

5 (c) The regional superintendent of schools shall monitor a
6 school district's compliance with this Section's curricular
7 requirements during his or her annual compliance visit.

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

10 (Source: P.A. 102-44, eff. 1-1-22.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law."