

HB4143



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 10/15/2025, by Rep. Anthony DeLuca

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-20.9 new

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Requires every public elementary school and high school to include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Italian American history. Contains provisions governing this instruction. Effective immediately.

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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. Italian American history study.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, every public
9 elementary school and high school shall include in its
10 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of
11 Italian American history, including the history of Italian
12 Americans in the State and the Midwest, as well as the
13 contributions of Italian Americans toward advancing civil
14 rights from the 19th century onward. These events shall
15 include the contributions made by individual Italian Americans
16 in government and the arts, humanities, and sciences, as well
17 as the contributions of Italian American communities to the
18 economic, cultural, social, and political development of the
19 United States. The studying of this material shall constitute
20 an affirmation by students of their commitment to respect the
21 dignity of all races and peoples and to forever eschew every
22 form of discrimination in their lives 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) The 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.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.