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*from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford*

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## **Ford Passes Measure for Audit on Illinois School's Black History Curriculum**

**CHICAGO-** Illinois State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-CH) passes HR1098 that will audit all Illinois school district's Black History curriculum. The house resolution creates a Black History Curriculum Task Force to conduct an audit of every Illinois school district's Black History curriculum from K-12.

"If we ever want to end racism we have to better understand the struggles of our neighbors," said Ford. "Schools are a place where people learn to be more accepting, and grow to be a more productive citizen."

Creates the Black History Curriculum Task Force to conduct an audit of every Illinois school district's history curriculum from K-12 to review the following: (1) Does the district's curricular material no matter the format contain a current unit on African American history, (2) At what grade school level does the district begin teaching African American history, (3) At what level does the district stop teaching African American history, (4) Does standardized testing include material on African American history, and if so, at what levels, and (5) What is ISBE's position on teaching African American history, what are their protocols, and what are their penalties if their instructions are not being followed.

"I'm looking forward to working with Illinois State Board of Education to make sure that Illinois school districts follow the state law, and teach black history in all schools," Ford closed.

[Find More Information on HR1098 Here](#)

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