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IN SENATE

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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to development of school library collection policies

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 414-a to read as follows:

§ 414-a. Development of school library collection policies. 1. Each board of education shall adopt a written policy for the development of school library collections. Such policy shall establish criteria and procedures for the selection, acquisition, ongoing evaluation, and deaccessioning of library materials. Such policy shall govern all decisions regarding the selection and curation of library materials in the school district, and shall be concordant with other required policies.

2. A collection development policy adopted pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall address:

(a) the educational objectives and community needs such collection is designed to serve;

(b) the criteria used to select new library materials and to evaluate the collection on an ongoing basis, including consideration of accuracy, quality, relevance, and developmental appropriateness, consistent with generally accepted professional standards of school librarianship;

(c) the role of certified librarians or library media specialists as the primary professional staff responsible for recommending the selection of library materials and for conducting ongoing evaluation of the collection in accordance with the criteria established in such policy;

(d) the process for ongoing evaluation and maintenance of such collection; and

(e) procedures for accepting gifts or donations of library materials.

3. Policies developed pursuant to this section shall be developed with input from school library systems and certified librarians or library media specialists and shall be informed by generally accepted profes-

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sional standards of school librarianship, and shall be consistent with all applicable provisions of law governing library material reconsideration.

4. Each policy developed pursuant to this section shall be made available on the school district's website.

5. School library systems, as established pursuant to section two hundred eighty-two of this chapter, shall develop and make available model collection development policies for use by school districts in accordance with this section. School districts may adopt or adapt such models.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.