

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MAYER, GONZALEZ, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to humanoid robots and artificial intelligence avatars in instructional settings

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3039
2 to read as follows:

3 § 3039. Humanoid robots and artificial intelligence avatars in
4 instructional settings; prohibition. 1. For purposes of this section,
5 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

6 (a) "Artificial intelligence-enabled humanoid robot" shall mean a
7 physical robotic device that:

8 (i) is designed or marketed to simulate human appearance, expression,
9 movement, voice, or social interaction; and

10 (ii) uses artificial intelligence or machine learning to generate
11 autonomous or interactive responses to users through speech, gestures,
12 facial expressions, or other forms of communication.

13 (b) "Instructional capacity" shall mean the use of an artificial
14 intelligence-enabled humanoid robot to:

15 (i) deliver, lead, facilitate, or direct classroom instruction;

16 (ii) provide one-on-one or small-group academic instruction, tutoring,
17 or educational support to students;

18 (iii) assess, evaluate, or grade student work or academic performance;
19 or

20 (iv) otherwise perform duties that are ordinarily performed by a
21 certified teacher, teaching assistant, or other certificated or licensed
22 school employee in providing instruction to students.

23 2. Each school district, charter school, and board of cooperative
24 educational services shall adopt and implement a written policy govern-
25 ing the use of humanoid robots in schools.

26 3. The policy adopted and implemented pursuant to subdivision two of
27 this section shall prohibit the use of an artificial intelligence-ena-
28 bled humanoid robot in an instructional capacity.

29 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
30 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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