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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to banning the use of commercially biased textbooks by school districts

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 1527-a to read as follows:

S 1527-A. USE OF COMMERCIALLY BIASED TEXTBOOKS PROHIBITED. ON AND AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, NO BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OR USE OF TEXTBOOKS CONTAINING COMMERCIAL BRAND NAMES, PRODUCTS OR COMPANY LOGOS UNLESS A SPECIFIC FINDING IS MADE BY THE BOARD, IN WRITING, THAT THE MENTION OF SUCH BRAND NAMES, PRODUCTS OR LOGOS WAS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE AN EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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