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Introduced by Sen. MARCELLINO -- (at request of the Division of Human Rights) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to expanding the scope of unlawful discriminatory practices to include public educational institutions

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 292 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 35 to read as follows:  
3     35. THE TERM "EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION" SHALL MEAN:  
4     (A) ANY EDUCATION CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION WHICH HOLDS ITSELF OUT TO  
5     THE PUBLIC TO BE NON-SECRETARIAN AND EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PURSUANT TO  
6     THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE FOUR OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW; OR  
7     (B) ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL, INCLUDING ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPER-  
8     ATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES, PUBLIC COLLEGE, OR PUBLIC UNIVERSITY.  
9     S 2. Subdivision 4 of section 296 of the executive law, as amended by  
10    chapter 106 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:  
11    4. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for an [education  
12    corporation or association which holds itself out to the public to be  
13    non-sectarian and exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of  
14    article four of the real property tax law] EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION to  
15    deny the use of its facilities to any person otherwise qualified, or to  
16    permit the harassment of any student or applicant, by reason of his  
17    race, color, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation,  
18    military status, sex, age or marital status, except that any such insti-  
19    tution which establishes or maintains a policy of educating persons of  
20    one sex exclusively may admit students of only one sex.  
21    S 3. 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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