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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK, ENGLEBRIGHT, GLICK -- Multi-Sponsored by  
-- M. of A. GALEF, MARKEY, ORTIZ, PERRY, WRIGHT -- read once and  
referred to the Committee on Education

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 ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 1527-a  
2     to read as follows:

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

9     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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