

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by Sens. LAVALLE, GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to notification requirements when a college plans to dissolve any athletic team

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 6438-a  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 6438-a. Intercollegiate athletic team dissolution. Each college  
4 shall develop a written policy regarding the dissolution of intercolle-  
5 giate athletic teams that includes a protocol requiring written notice  
6 to student athletes if the college plans to dissolve any intercollegiate  
7 athletic team in the following academic year. Written notice shall be  
8 provided at least one year from the start of the academic year in which  
9 the intercollegiate athletics team will be dissolved. The protocol may  
10 consider factors such as the mission of the sports program, the educa-  
11 tional outcomes of sports participation, history of success of the team,  
12 fan support, Title IX, donor impact, student-athlete diversity, finan-  
13 cial viability/cost and the prevalence of local and regional competi-  
14 tion.

15 § 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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