STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

July 9, 2020

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 excluding schools with race-based mascots from receiving state funding

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 3602-g to read as follows:

§ 3602-g. Exclusion of school districts with race-based mascots from apportionment of public moneys. 1. As used in this section, "race-based mascot" shall mean any person, animal or object used to represent a school district which is derived from a specific race or ethnicity or is based on certain characteristics of a specific race or ethnicity.

2. Any school district within the state that has adopted a race-based mascot and where such mascot is used to represent such school district publicly or privately, shall be excluded from any apportionment of public moneys from the state it may otherwise be entitled to pursuant to this article. Such exclusion shall be indefinite until a school district disassociates completely with such race-based mascot.

§ 2. This act shall take effect three years after it shall have become a law.

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

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