

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

July 9, 2020

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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:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3602-g  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 3602-g. Exclusion of school districts with race-based mascots from  
4 apportionment of public moneys. 1. As used in this section, "race-based  
5 mascot" shall mean any person, animal or object used to represent a  
6 school district which is derived from a specific race or ethnicity or is  
7 based on certain characteristics of a specific race or ethnicity.

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

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

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

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