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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES, COOK, J. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the university at Buffalo institute for African American studies; and making an appropriation therefor

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Article 5 of the education law is amended by adding a new part 1-B to read as follows:

PART 1-B

THE INSTITUTE FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Section 244-a. The university at Buffalo institute for African American studies.

244-b. Purposes of the institute for African American studies.

244-c. Funding and reporting.

§ 244-a. The university at Buffalo institute for African American studies. The university at Buffalo institute for African American studies is hereby established under the jurisdiction of the state university of New York. The institute for African American studies shall be administered as a program of the state university in accordance with the policies of the trustees of the state university.

§ 244-b. Purposes of the institute for African American studies. The purposes of the institute for African American studies shall be to:

1. Provide an educational setting for students, scholars and practitioners to engage in interdisciplinary scholarship and intellectual collaborations focusing on peoples of American and African descent, and their relations to each other.

2. Address contemporary issues that confront peoples of American and African descent.

3. Conduct interdisciplinary and regional studies to address public policy, create models and provide outreach into the community.

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

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4. Sponsor lectures, conferences, workshops and publications related to African American issues.

§ 244-c. Funding and reporting. Funds shall be made available for the support of the institute for African American studies in the amounts appropriated for this purpose. The university at Buffalo institute for African American studies shall annually submit a complete and detailed report setting forth its operations and accomplishments to the chancellor of the state university, the president of the state university at Buffalo, the director of the budget, and the chairs of the senate higher education committee, the senate finance committee, the assembly higher education committee and the assembly ways and means committee.

§ 2. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the university at Buffalo institute for African American studies out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account, not otherwise appropriated. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the president of the state university at Buffalo.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.