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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a statewide campaign for the acceptance, inclusion, tolerance and understanding of diversity

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 294-a to read as follows:

§ 294-a. Statewide campaign for the acceptance, inclusion, tolerance and understanding of diversity. 1. The division shall develop and implement a statewide campaign to increase awareness and promote the acceptance, inclusion, tolerance and understanding of the diversity of people of this state, including, but not limited to diversity based on religion, race, color, creed, sex, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. In the development and implementation of such campaign, the division shall adopt as its purpose, the combatting of bias, hatred and discrimination in all their forms and the prevention of discrimination based on religion, race, color, creed, sex, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

2. In order to effectuate the purpose of the campaign the division shall:

a. coordinate and cooperate with public and private organizations, including, but not limited to, local governments, community groups, school districts, churches, charitable organizations, foundations and other relevant groups;

b. develop educational materials to be published on the website of the division, social media campaigns or other means determined to be the most effective at reaching the public in a cost effective manner;

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

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c. make information regarding such campaign available on the website of the division; and

d. utilize other resources the division deems appropriate and any other resources, private or public, identified by the division.

§ 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2023. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.