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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing certain school holidays

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

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 3210 of the education law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iii) to read as follows:

(iii) The following cultural or religious holidays shall be school holidays for any schools or school districts where the board of education or trustees determines such schools or districts have a considerable proportion of students who observe such days: Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Diwali, and Onam.

§ 2. Section 3604 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8-c to read as follows:

8-c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of any calculation under subdivision seven or eight of this section, the commissioner shall disregard any reduction resulting from observance of Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Diwali, and Onam and, if necessary, such observed holidays shall be calculated as session days.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which 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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