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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES, RAJKUMAR, ANDERSON, RAMOS -- read once  
and referred to the Committee on Education

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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

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

4 (iii) The following cultural or religious holidays shall be school  
5 holidays for any schools or school districts where the board of educa-  
6 tion or trustees determines such schools or districts have a consider-  
7 able proportion of students who observe such days: Eid al-Fitr, Eid  
8 al-Adha, Diwali, Tihar, Bandi Chhor Divas and Onam.

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

11 8-c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of any  
12 calculation under subdivision seven or eight of this section, the  
13 commissioner shall disregard any reduction resulting from observance of  
14 Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Diwali, Tihar, Bandi Chhor Divas, and Onam  
15 and, if necessary, such observed holidays shall be calculated as session  
16 days.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
18 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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