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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "freedom to read act"

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "freedom to read act".

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 13 of the education law is redesignated the closing paragraph, and a new subdivision 5 is added to read as follows:

5. Policies to ensure that school libraries and library staff, including but not limited to certified library media specialists, are empowered to curate and develop collections that provide students with access to the widest array of developmentally appropriate materials available to such school district.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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