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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring that libraries have policies prohibiting the banning of books in order to receive state aid

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

1 Section 1. Section 273 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 12 to read as follows:

3 12. No library or library system shall be eligible for state aid
4 unless such library or library system has included as part of their
5 operating plan or has established policies incorporating the provision
6 of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights that indi-
7 cates that materials should not be proscribed or removed because of
8 partisan or doctrinal disapproval or has developed a written statement
9 prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials within the
10 library or library system and prohibits the practice of banning specific
11 books or resources.

12 § 2. 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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