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Introduced by M. of A. LUCAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development -- recommitted to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring signage be placed alongside cultural materials, including artwork and artifacts stolen during the transatlantic slave period and the domestic slave trade period, between the 16th and 19th centuries, with its peak between 1700 and 1870, indicating such cultural material was stolen and/or made with materials used in the exchange for enslaved human captives

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

Section 1. Section 233-aa of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 16 to read as follows:

16. Every museum which has on display identifiable works of art and artifacts, including such identifiable works of art and artifacts created using metal materials used in the exchange for enslaved human captives, known to have been created before nineteen hundred, that changed hands due to theft, seizure, confiscation, forced sale or other involuntary means in Africa or the United States during the transatlantic slave period, through reconstruction (fifteen hundred -- eighteen hundred seventy-seven) shall, to the extent practicable, prominently place a placard or other signage acknowledging such information along with such display.

§ 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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