

STATE OF NEW YORK

10107--A

IN SENATE

April 29, 2026

Introduced by Sen. WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 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:

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

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

13 § 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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