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Introduced by Sens. CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK, RHOADS, MARTINS, GRIFFO, WEBER, OBERACKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting state funding of any college if such institution's instructional staff advocates or engages in activities on campus in support of a terrorist organization

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new article 13-D to read as follows:

ARTICLE 13-D
DUTY TO ADDRESS TERRORISTIC ACTIVITY BY INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Section 641. Duty to address terroristic activity by instructional staff.

§ 641. Duty to address terroristic activity by instructional staff. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no college shall receive state funding if a member of such college's instructional staff directly or indirectly promotes, encourages, advocates or engages in any activity on campus in support of a terrorist organization as defined by 8 U.S.C. § 1189, unless such college has taken appropriate corrective steps, in a time and manner as determined by the department.

2. The commissioner shall notify any college that they deem to have not taken appropriate corrective steps pursuant to subdivision one of this section and that such college shall not receive state funding until appropriate corrective steps are taken, which the commissioner shall describe. The commissioner shall also notify the director of the division of budget when a college is ineligible to receive state funding

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

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pursuant to this section, as well as if and when a college is eligible to receive state funding following appropriate corrective steps.

3. For the purposes of this section, "instructional staff" shall mean individuals employed by a college in the following titles: president, dean, director, professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, tutor, fellow, lecturer, librarian, associate librarian, assistant librarian, library assistant, registrar, assistant registrar, registrar's assistant, principal, first assistant, supervisor, assistant teacher, critic teacher, teacher, college science assistant, college science technician, college engineering technician, and any other employees determined by the department to have a direct role in educating students of such college.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.