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Introduced by M. of A. CUNNINGHAM -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. LEVENBERG, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting the banning of books or other materials by libraries or library systems

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

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

12. No library or library system shall receive state aid pursuant to this section unless such library or library system adopts the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or, in the alternative, develop a written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials within the library or library system. A library or library system shall adopt such Bill of Rights or develop such written statement within ninety days of the effective date of this subdivision.

§ 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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