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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the state librarian to provide guidance on the curation of library material to all school library systems

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "school libraries curation guidance act".

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 282-a to read as follows:

§ 282-a. School libraries curation guidance. 1. Twelve months after the effective date of this section, the state librarian shall provide to each school library system established under section two hundred eighty-two of this part guidance on the curation of library materials. Such guidance shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) standards that ensure library material shall be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all students and present a wide range of points of view in the collection;

(b) standards that ensure that library material shall not be removed from a school library because of the origin, background, or views of the library material or of those contributing to its creation;

(c) standards regarding the prohibition of censorship of library materials;

(d) standards that ensure that students have access to the widest array of developmentally relevant library material created for the chronological ages and grade levels of students in the school available to schools; and

(f) procedures based on professional standards for a librarian to review and deaccession library material within a school library on a regular basis, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the

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

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library material's relevance; (ii) the condition of the library material; (iii) the availability of duplicates; (iv) the availability of more recent developmentally relevant library material created for the chronological ages and grade levels of students in the school; and (v) the continued demand for the library material.

2. The state librarian shall maintain a list of library school systems that have adopted policies that meet the minimum standards set forth in such guidance and such list shall be published on the website of the department.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.