STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

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

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 sixteenth through nineteenth century cultural materials, including artworks and artifacts that changed hands in Africa, the United States, or elsewhere during the transatlantic slave period or during the domestic slave trade period, through theft, seizure, confiscation, forced sale, or other involuntary means and/or which is composed in whole or in part of metal or other material exchanged for enslaved human captives, indicating such artifacts were stolen and/or made with materials exchanged for enslaved captives sold into the transatlantic slave trade or the domestic slave trade, shall, to the extent practicable, prominently display a placard or other signage acknowledging such provenance.

§ 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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