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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 requiring colleges and universities in the state to adopt a policy that requires students in programs for teaching, school administration, or counseling to have a curriculum that promotes diversity, equity and inclusion, and is multilingual for teaching immigrant-origin students

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

1 Section 1. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 24 to read as follows:

3 24. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
4 board of trustees shall update course curriculum as necessary to require
5 senior colleges and community colleges within the city university
6 include, within all education programs for teachers, administrators and
7 counselors, the topics of local, state and national immigration policy
8 and immigrant integration and how to best educate immigrant-origin
9 students with different status in ways that promote diversity, equity
10 and inclusion, and are multilingual.

11 As used in this subdivision:

12 a. "diversity, equity and inclusion" includes, but is not limited to,
13 cultural sensitivity, and awareness of conscious and unconscious biases;
14 and

15 b. "multilingual" means that the person speaks or understands a
16 language other than English and possibly speaks or understands little or
17 no English, and may require support in order to become proficient in
18 English.

19 § 2. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new
20 subdivision 2-b to read as follows:

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

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1 2-b. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
2 state university trustees shall update course curriculum as necessary to
3 require state universities or colleges to include, within all education
4 programs for teachers, administrators and counselors, the topics of
5 local, state and national immigration policy and immigrant integration
6 and how to best educate immigrant-origin students with different status
7 in ways that promote diversity, equity and inclusion, and are multilin-
8 qual.

9 As used in this subdivision:

10 a. "diversity, equity and inclusion" includes, but is not limited to,
11 cultural sensitivity, and awareness of conscious and unconscious biases;
12 and

13 b. "multilingual" means that the person speaks or understands a
14 language other than English and possibly speaks or understands little or
15 no English, and may require support in order to become proficient in
16 English.

17 § 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 815-a to
18 read as follows:

19 § 815-a. Immigration and immigrant integration education. Notwith-
20 standing any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the trustees or
21 other governing board of each independent non-profit college which main-
22 tains a campus or other property for educational purposes chartered by
23 the regents or incorporated by special act of the legislature shall
24 update course curriculum as necessary to require within all education
25 programs for teachers, administrators and counselors, topics of local,
26 state and national immigration policy and immigrant integration and how
27 to best educate immigrant-origin students with different status in ways
28 that promote diversity, equity and inclusion, and are multilingual.

29 As used in this subdivision:

30 1. "diversity, equity and inclusion" includes, but is not limited to,
31 cultural sensitivity, and awareness of conscious and unconscious biases;
32 and

33 2. "multilingual" means that the person speaks or understands a
34 language other than English and possibly speaks or understands little or
35 no English, and may require support in order to become proficient in
36 English.

37 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.