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A35 (Rosenthal)

An act to direct the commissioner of education to appoint a media literacy advisory group to study the teaching of media literacy

The New York Library Association (NYLA) supports the above referenced legislation.

If enacted, this bill would direct the Commissioner of Education to appoint a Media Literacy Advisory Committee to study the teaching of media literacy across New York State. The assembled group would include staff from school library systems, school libraries and individuals from high education institutions that offer information studies programs.

Once formed, the Committee would be responsible not only for surveying each school district to determine its practices and availability of media literacy resources but also, providing recommendations and tools to support digital citizenship, media literacy, and internet safety.

The formation of this Committee would be beneficial to understand the current practices within our State in regard to media literacy. With the addition of the web-based resource centers, our schools could more easily introduce measures and tools to enhance their media literacy curriculum.

For these reasons, the New York Library Association urges the legislature to pass A35.

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