



Governor Hochul Signs Senator Stavisky Legislation Expanding Discrimination Protections for New York Students

New law broadens the definition of 'Educational Institution' to protect students attending for-profit colleges, career schools and English as a second language schools.

New York- This week, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation sponsored by Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (Flushing), expanding the discrimination protections of the Human Rights Law to include both public and private secondary schools and universities. This protection had not included students attending for-profit colleges and universities in the state. This measure now includes these institutions.

"All students must be protected from discrimination, no matter whether they attend an independent college or a for-profit institution," **says Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee.** "All students deserve a safe environment to study and the peace of mind to know they are protected from intolerance and mistreatment."

By declaring that the provisions of the Human Rights Law apply to these institutions of continued learning, New York State will ensure that all students are afforded legal protection against discrimination.