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AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to providing educational services aid to eligible museums, historical societies and other cultural institutions chartered by the board of regents for the provision of curriculum-based educational programs for students and teachers in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve and adults enrolled in continuing education programs in low-income urban, suburban and rural communities

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Statement of legislative findings and intent. The legisla-
2 ture finds and declares that the state of New York has the greatest
3 museums, historical societies, zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums and
4 cultural arts institutions in the United States, and that these organ-
5 izations are major tourism and economic drivers with a wealth of ways to
6 engage children and adults and instill in them a lasting love of learn-
7 ing.

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9 zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums and cultural arts institutions

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

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1 attract millions of visitors each year and provide vitally important
2 instructional services to the schoolchildren of this state, and that
3 children, in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve and adults enrolled
4 in continuing education programs should have broad and equal access to
5 such services.

6 The legislature finds that over 1,500 museums, historical societies,
7 zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums and cultural arts institutions in
8 this state now provide instruction to over six million children, and
9 that these institutions now receive no direct state support to initiate,
10 expand and enhance these educational services through access to museum
11 collections, scholarship and virtual learning.

12 The legislature finds that students living in low-income communities
13 in urban, suburban, or rural settings benefit from having access to the
14 type of learning provided by museums, historical societies, zoos, botan-
15 ical gardens, aquariums and cultural arts institutions and that fair and
16 equal access to these types of institutions will provide enhanced learn-
17 ing opportunities to these students.

18 The legislature finds that museums, historical societies, zoos, botan-
19 ical gardens, aquariums and cultural arts institutions, in collaboration
20 with teachers and schools, must design new and innovative museum
21 programs to address such pressing issues as science, anthropology,
22 history and arts literacy, and under-resourced schools.

23 It is the intent of the legislature that the state provide financial
24 assistance to museums, zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums and other
25 cultural institutions located in low-income urban, suburban or rural
26 communities, so that these major tourist attractions can extend their
27 uniquely valuable educational resources to the children and lifelong
28 learners of the state, especially those in low-income urban, suburban or
29 rural communities, or that provide educational services to students from
30 such communities.

31 S 2. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
32 "museum education act".

33 S 3. The arts and cultural affairs law is amended by adding a new
34 section 61.15 to read as follows:

35 S 61.15. EDUCATION GRANTS FOR MUSEUMS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCA-
36 TION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT, WITH CONSULTATION AND INPUT FROM
37 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL INSTITUTION COMMUNITY, A
38 MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM, AND SHALL
39 AWARD, WITHIN THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR SUCH
40 PURPOSE, COMPETITIVE GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR THE
41 PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING OR IMPROVING EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN MUSEUMS AND
42 CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC
43 AND NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. SUCH GRANTS
44 SHALL BE EXPENDED TO SUPPORT THE PRODUCTION OF CURRICULA, ACQUISITION OF
45 SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL OR INTERPRETIVE SKILLS, ACQUISITION AND IMPE-
46 LEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY, AND PREPARATION OF SPECIALIZED EXHIBITION OR
47 PUBLIC PROGRAMS THAT ARE TAILORED TO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND SECONDARY
48 SCHOOL STUDENTS; THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
49 PROGRAMS; PROVISION OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION; AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT
50 SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF CURRICULUM-BASED PROGRAMS IN
51 MUSEUMS WITH COLLECTIONS.

52 2. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" SHALL MEAN: (A) A
53 NONPROFIT INSTITUTION CHARTERED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS, OR OTHERWISE
54 INCORPORATED AS A MUSEUM, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NATURE CENTER, ZOO, BOTAN-
55 ICAL GARDEN, ARBORETUM, AQUARIUM OR OTHER CULTURAL EDUCATION INSTITU-
56 TION, OR A PRIVATELY OR MUNICIPALLY OPERATED INSTITUTION THAT MEETS THE

1 APPLICABLE REGISTRATION STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS
2 FOR MUSEUMS OR HISTORICAL SOCIETIES WITH COLLECTIONS, AND THAT IS
3 LOCATED IN A LOW-INCOME URBAN, SUBURBAN OR RURAL COMMUNITY OR PROVIDES
4 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO STUDENTS AND ADULT LEARNERS FROM LOW-INCOME
5 URBAN, SUBURBAN OR RURAL COMMUNITIES; OR

6 (B) A PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING
7 AN INCORPORATED INSTITUTION THE SOLE OR PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS THE
8 SUPPORT OF MUSEUMS, HISTORIC SITES OR HISTORICAL SOCIETIES LOCATED IN A
9 LOW-INCOME URBAN, SUBURBAN OR RURAL COMMUNITY OR THAT PROVIDES EDUCA-
10 TIONAL SERVICES TO STUDENTS AND ADULT LEARNERS FROM LOW-INCOME URBAN,
11 SUBURBAN OR RURAL COMMUNITIES; EXCEPT THAT INSTITUTIONS OPERATED BY
12 STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE
13 UNDER THIS SECTION.

14 3. THE GOVERNING BODY OR OFFICER OF AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION REQUESTING
15 A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AT SUCH
16 TIME, IN SUCH FORM AND CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION, AS THE COMMISSIONER
17 OF EDUCATION MAY REQUIRE. SUCH COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA
18 AND STANDARDS BY WHICH APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO BE AWARDED PURSUANT TO
19 THIS SECTION WILL BE EVALUATED AND GRANTS MADE TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.
20 THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS
21 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR COOPERATIVE OR
22 COLLABORATIVE GRANTS, PROVIDED THAT A SINGLE INSTITUTION SERVES AS THE
23 APPLICANT FOR SUCH A GRANT AND FOR MULTI-YEAR GRANTS.

24 4. THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD GRANTS, SUBJECT TO AVAIL-
25 ABLE APPROPRIATIONS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE ALLOWABLE COSTS OF
26 THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AS DETERMINED BY SUCH COMMISSIONER, PROVIDED
27 THAT THE ALLOWABLE COSTS FOR MUSEUM EDUCATION GRANTS SHALL NOT EXCEED
28 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR A MAXIMUM OF THREE YEARS.
29 ALLOWABLE COSTS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE REASON-
30 ABLE COST OF SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. THE
31 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL ALLOCATE A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE
32 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR SUCH GRANTS TO AWARD TO INSTI-
33 TUTIONS WITH AN OPERATING BUDGET OF BETWEEN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ONE
34 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR. THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
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41 HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE DOLLARS AND ONE MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR. THE
42 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL ALLOCATE A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE
43 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR SUCH GRANTS TO AWARD TO INSTI-
44 TUTIONS WITH AN OPERATING BUDGET IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS PER
45 YEAR.

46 5. ON OR BEFORE MARCH FIFTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN AND ON OR
47 BEFORE MARCH FIRST OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCA-
48 TION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE FINANCE AND THE ASSEMBLY
49 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET, A REPORT
50 DETAILING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE
51 EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION BY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS, THE RELATIONSHIP OF
52 THE PROGRAMS PROVIDED TO SCHOOL CURRICULA, AND THE GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION
53 OF FUNDS AND PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS.

54 S 4. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
55 law.