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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SIMON, OTIS -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Libraries and Education Technology

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enabling public  
libraries to access employment preparation education (EPE) funds to  
provide adult literacy instruction

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 3602 of the education law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph a-2 to read as follows:

3 a-2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivi-  
4 sion, the commissioner shall set aside an amount of one million dollars  
5 to be awarded through a competitive grant process to public libraries to  
6 provide any of the services authorized in this subdivision. However, no  
7 less than half the annual appropriation shall be set aside for public  
8 libraries serving a population of one million or more. The commissioner  
9 shall have the authority to establish rules and regulations to implement  
10 the provisions of this paragraph.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2027.

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

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