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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. P. LOPEZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing the state library, in conjunction with the office for technology, to coordinate the purchase of electronic databases or other information resources for state agencies, libraries and other governmental entities

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York state comprehensive information system (NYSCIS) act".

S 2. Legislative findings. State agencies and the libraries of New York individually license and purchase electronic databases and other information resources. Access to information is not only vital to the functioning of our democracy, but also to creating an environment conducive to learning, research and innovation. The coordination of the selection and purchase of these resources by the state library and office for technology would result in greater efficiencies and cost savings for the public and foster improved access to information across the state. Therefore, it is in the best interests of the state and its libraries to enact the "New York state comprehensive information system (NYSCIS) act".

S 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 286 to read as follows:

S 286. NEW YORK STATE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM. 1. GENERAL. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE NEW YORK STATE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM (NYSCIS) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE LIBRARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY, TO ENABLE A COLLABORATIVE AND COST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO THE PROCUREMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE AND OTHER INFORMATION RESOURCES.

2. PARTICIPANTS. ENTITIES PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NYSCIS ARE STATE AGENCIES, LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND THEIR MEMBER LIBRARIES, AUTHORITIES AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.

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

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3. STATE CONTRACTS. STATE AGENCIES ARE REQUIRED TO COORDINATE THEIR PROCUREMENT FOR INFORMATION RESOURCES THROUGH THE STATE LIBRARY AND THE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

4. RESOURCE SELECTION. THE STATE LIBRARY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY, SHALL CREATE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE OF PARTICIPANTS IN THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, AND WILL BE TASKED WITH THE SELECTION OF INFORMATION RESOURCES TO BE INCLUDED IN NYSCIS.

5. ADMINISTRATION. THE STATE LIBRARY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY, OR THEIR DESIGNEE SHALL ADMINISTER NYSCIS AND BE PERMITTED TO RECOUP EXPENSES FOR COORDINATING THESE COLLABORATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS.

S 4. This act shall take effect six months after it shall have become a law.