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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the fund for innovation grants

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

1 Section 1. Section 3641 of the education law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 15 to read as follows:  
3 15. FUNDS FOR INNOVATION GRANTS. A. IN ADDITION TO APPORTIONMENTS  
4 OTHERWISE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, FOR AID PAYABLE IN THE TWO  
5 THOUSAND TEN--TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN SCHOOL YEAR AND THEREAFTER, THIRTY  
6 MILLION DOLLARS SHALL BE AVAILABLE AND ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPHS  
7 B AND C OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND SHALL BE PAID FOR PROGRAMS TO CREATE  
8 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE, TECH-  
9 NOLOGY-BASED LEARNING STRATEGIES TO SERVE HIGH-NEED PUPILS AND PUPILS  
10 WHO ARE AT RISK OF NOT MEETING THE NEW YORK STATE LEARNING STANDARDS  
11 PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED  
12 TO, THE CREATION OF ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP PILOT PROGRAMS, THE PURCHASE OF  
13 CONTENT-BASED SOFTWARE AND/OR SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS WHICH PROVIDE NEW YORK  
14 STATE LEARNING STANDARDS-ALIGNED EDUCATIONAL CONTENT, CLASS LESSONS AND  
15 RELATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.  
16 B. ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED IN A CITY WITH AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED  
17 TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND INHABITANTS, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT PURSUANT  
18 TO THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSES CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDI-  
19 VISION. ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED WITHIN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF  
20 ONE MILLION OR MORE INHABITANTS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AMOUNT OF UP TO  
21 FORTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

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

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1 ANY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF A CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF LESS THAN ONE  
2 MILLION BUT IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND INHABITANTS,  
3 SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT, ROUNDED TO THE  
4 NEAREST DOLLAR, OF (I) SIXTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED  
5 PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH, AND (II) THE QUOTIENT OF THE DISTRICT'S BASE  
6 YEAR ENROLLMENT ON FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER AS OF THE DATE UPON WHICH  
7 AN ELECTRONIC DATA FILE WAS CREATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
8 PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION TWENTY-ONE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF  
9 THIS CHAPTER ON NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH OF THE BASE YEAR, DIVIDED BY THE SUM  
10 OF SUCH BASE YEAR ENROLLMENTS FOR ALL SUCH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SUCH  
11 GRANTS SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS AND SHALL BE AWARDED BY  
12 THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS. THE COMMIS-  
13 SIONER SHALL EVALUATE EACH GRANT APPLICATION ON THE BASIS OF CRITERIA  
14 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL  
15 DISTRICT, AND THE ABILITY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC  
16 PERFORMANCE BY THE USE OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES.

17 C. ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED OUTSIDE OF A CITY WITH AT LEAST ONE  
18 HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND INHABITANTS, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT  
19 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSES CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH A OF  
20 THIS SUBDIVISION. SUCH GRANTS SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS  
21 AND SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO A COMPETITIVE GRANT  
22 PROCESS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL EVALUATE EACH GRANT APPLICATION ON THE  
23 BASIS OF CRITERIA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS OF  
24 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE ABILITY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPROVE  
25 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE BY THE USE OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES.

26 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.