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Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Education

AN ACT to authorize the commissioner of education to design and imple-  
ment a biennial contest to name an official Empire state children's  
book

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

1     Section 1. Empire state children's book project. 1. The commissioner  
2     of education, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed  
3     to design and implement the Empire state children's book project. Such  
4     project design shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
5     components:  
6     (a) Such commissioner or his or her designee shall develop the crite-  
7     ria for and a process for determining the five books which will be  
8     considered official children's book finalists.  
9     (b) Such commissioner or his or her designee shall design a statewide  
10    contest in which all elementary school students shall vote, from among  
11    the five finalists, for the official Empire state children's book.  
12    (c) Such process for choosing five finalists and such statewide  
13    contest shall be conducted by the education department every two years.  
14    2. The official Empire state children's book shall be highlighted as  
15    such and made available for display and sale during the period of its  
16    biennial reign at all public elementary schools and their libraries,  
17    public libraries, state sponsored functions, fairs and events for chil-  
18    dren, the state museum gift shop, and on the state website. Any and all  
19    proceeds collected by the education department in the sale of such offi-  
20    cial state children's book shall be used to offset the future costs of  
21    the Empire state children's book project.  
22    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, that the first  
23    official children's book shall be chosen on or before the first of Octo-  
24    ber, 2011.

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

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