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I N A S S E M B L Y

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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a pilot program for bulk purchase electronic textbook delivery in the state and city university library systems

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 706 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 706. BULK PURCHASE ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK DELIVERY PROGRAM. 1. THERE
4 IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND THE CITY
5 UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK A PILOT PROGRAM FOR BULK PURCHASE ELECTRONIC
6 TEXTBOOK DELIVERY THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEMS.
7 2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO ACCESS COURSE
8 MATERIALS ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEMS.
9 3. FOUR YEAR COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES WITH A MINIMUM UNDERGRADUATE
10 ENROLLMENT OF SIX THOUSAND FULL TIME STUDENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS
11 PROGRAM. THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY MUST PROVIDE STUDENTS ACCESS TO
12 NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING BUT
13 NOT LIMITED TO, THE DISTRIBUTION OF NETBOOKS OR BY INITIATING LEASE-TO-
14 OWN PROGRAMS FOR COMPUTERS AND LAPTOPS.
15 4. UPON THE COMPLETION OF TWO YEARS OF OPERATION, THE CHANCELLORS OF
16 THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
17 SHALL EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND REPORT TO THE GOVER-
18 NOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ITS IMPACT ON:
19 A. STUDENT TEXTBOOK SPENDING;
20 B. STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE WITH ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK TECHNOLOGIES AS THEY
21 RELATE TO ACQUIRING THE COURSE MATERIALS, ENGAGING WITH COURSE CONTENT,
22 AND MEETING LEARNING OBJECTIVES;
23 C. FACULTY EXPERIENCES WITH IDENTIFYING AND USING ELECTRONIC TEXT-
24 BOOKS; AND
25 D. LIBRARY STAFF TIME AND DEMANDS TO INFRASTRUCTURE.
26 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day
27 after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective

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

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1 immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regu-
2 lation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective
3 date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before
4 such effective date.