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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing the state  
library to coordinate the purchase of electronic databases or other  
information resources for state agencies, libraries and other govern-  
mental entities

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

1     Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2     the "New York state comprehensive information system (NYSCIS) act".  
3     S 2. Legislative findings. State agencies and the libraries of New  
4     York individually license and purchase electronic databases and other  
5     information resources. Access to information is not only vital to the  
6     functioning of our democracy, but also to creating an environment condu-  
7     cive to learning, research and innovation. The coordination of the  
8     selection and purchase of these resources by the state library would  
9     result in greater efficiencies and cost savings for the public and  
10    foster improved access to information across the state. Therefore, it is  
11    in the best interests of the state and its libraries to enact the "New  
12    York state comprehensive information system (NYSCIS) act".  
13    S 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 286 to read  
14    as follows:  
15    S 286. NEW YORK STATE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM. 1. GENERAL.  
16    THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE NEW YORK STATE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION  
17    SYSTEM (NYSCIS) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE LIBRARY TO ENABLE A  
18    COLLABORATIVE AND COST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO THE PROCUREMENT OF ELEC-  
19    TRONIC DATABASE AND OTHER INFORMATION RESOURCES.  
20    2. PARTICIPANTS. ENTITIES PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NYSCIS ARE STATE  
21    AGENCIES, LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND THEIR MEMBER LIBRARIES, AUTHORITIES AND  
22    OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.  
23    3. STATE CONTRACTS. STATE AGENCIES ARE REQUIRED TO COORDINATE THEIR  
24    PROCUREMENT FOR INFORMATION RESOURCES THROUGH THE STATE LIBRARY OR ITS  
25    DESIGNEE.

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

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

5     5. ADMINISTRATION. THE STATE LIBRARY OR ITS DESIGNEE SHALL ADMINISTER  
6 NYSCIS AND BE PERMITTED TO RECOUP EXPENSES FOR COORDINATING THESE COLLA-  
7 BORATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS.

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