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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing boards of  
cooperative educational services to enter into contracts with public  
libraries for high-speed telecommunications services and community  
relations services

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph h of subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the educa-  
2     tion law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 8 to read as follows:  
3     (8) TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES OR PUBLIC  
4     LIBRARY SYSTEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING: (I) HIGH-SPEED TELECOMMU-  
5     NICATIONS SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET  
6     SERVICES AND ANY OTHER TYPES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OR SYSTEM;  
7     AND/OR (II) COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
8     SUBPARAGRAPH "COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICES" SHALL MEAN THAT SUCH  
9     LIBRARIES OR LIBRARY SYSTEMS, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR COOPERATIVELY, MAY  
10    MORE EFFECTIVELY AND COST EFFECTIVELY ESTABLISH COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
11    PROGRAMS TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE STRENGTHS OF UTILIZING PUBLIC  
12    LIBRARIES AS A POSITIVE EDUCATIONAL TOOL AND RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND  
13    THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ANY SUCH PROPOSED CONTRACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE  
14    REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER, WHO MAY ONLY APPROVE SUCH  
15    PROPOSED CONTRACT WHEN, IN SUCH COMMISSIONER'S OPINION, SUCH CONTRACT  
16    WILL RESULT IN: (A) A MORE ECONOMICAL UTILIZATION OF EXISTING BOARD OF  
17    COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES HIGH-SPEED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR COMMU-  
18    NITY RELATION SERVICES OR RESOURCES; AND (B) A MORE ECONOMICAL UTILIZA-  
19    TION OF EXISTING LIBRARY RESOURCES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A FIND-  
20    ING, IN WRITING, MAKING ANY DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.  
21    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
22    it shall have become a law.

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

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