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Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to authorizing cooperative library systems to apply for funds under the local government efficiency grant program municipal merger incentives

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph p of subdivision 10 of section 54 of the state  
2 finance law, as amended by section 6 of part GG of chapter 56 of the  
3 laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
4     p. Local government efficiency grant program municipal merger incen-  
5 tives. For the purposes of this paragraph, "municipalities" shall mean  
6 cities with a population less than one million, towns [and], villages  
7 AND COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEMS. Within the annual amounts appropriated  
8 therefor, surviving municipalities following a merger, consolidation or  
9 dissolution occurring on or after the state fiscal year commencing April  
10 first, two thousand seven may be awarded additional aid in the state  
11 fiscal year following such merger, consolidation or dissolution equal to  
12 fifteen percent of the combined amount of real property taxes levied by  
13 all of the municipalities participating in the merger, consolidation or  
14 dissolution in the local fiscal year prior to the local fiscal year in  
15 which such merger, consolidation or dissolution took effect. In  
16 instances of the dissolution of a village located in more than one town,  
17 such additional aid shall equal the sum of fifteen percent of the real  
18 property taxes levied by such village in the village fiscal year prior  
19 to the village fiscal year in which such dissolution took effect plus  
20 fifteen percent of the average amount of real property taxes levied by  
21 the towns in which the village was located in the town fiscal year prior  
22 to the town fiscal year in which such dissolution took effect, and shall  
23 be divided among such towns based on the percentage of such village's  
24 population that resided in each such town as of the most recent federal  
25 decennial census. Such additional aid shall be apportioned and paid to  
26 the chief fiscal officer of each consolidated or merged municipality on  
27 audit and warrant of the state comptroller out of moneys appropriated by

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

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1 the legislature for such purpose to the credit of the local assistance  
2 fund in the general fund of the state treasury in the same "on or before  
3 month and day" manner as the municipality's base level grant is paid  
4 pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph i of this subdivision. Any  
5 municipality receiving a merger incentive award pursuant to this para-  
6 graph shall use such aid only for general municipal purposes. In no case  
7 shall the additional aid pursuant to this paragraph exceed one million  
8 dollars. Such additional aid shall in subsequent state fiscal years be  
9 considered prior year aid for the purposes of determining such merged,  
10 consolidated or surviving municipality's base level grant pursuant to  
11 paragraph b of this subdivision.

12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.