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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

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

Section 1. Section 256 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES), SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR REGIONAL INFORMATION CENTERS (RICS) ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC OR ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INTERNET AND TELEPHONE SERVICES. ANY SUCH PROPOSED CONTRACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER, WHO MAY ONLY APPROVE SUCH PROPOSED CONTRACT WHEN, IN THE COMMISSIONER'S OPINION, SUCH CONTRACT WILL RESULT IN A COST SAVINGS OR MORE ECONOMICAL UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES FOR EITHER PARTY INVOLVED IN THE CONTRACT.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after 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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