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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. Paragraph h of subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 10 to read as follows:

(10) TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES OR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HIGH-SPEED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET 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 SUCH COMMISSIONER'S OPINION, SUCH CONTRACT: (A) WILL RESULT IN A MORE ECONOMICAL UTILIZATION OF EXISTING BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES HIGH-SPEED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES OR RESOURCES THAN WOULD BE ACHIEVED WERE SUCH CONTRACT NOT APPROVED; (B) WILL NOT DISRUPT THE LEVEL OF SERVICES TO COMPONENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND (C) WILL RESULT IN A MORE ECONOMICAL UTILIZATION OF EXISTING LIBRARY RESOURCES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A FINDING, IN WRITING, MAKING ANY DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH. SUCH SERVICES TO

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

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS SHALL BE PROVIDED AT COST AND SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AID PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.