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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology -- recommitted to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to additional state aid to public library systems merged after January 1, 2015

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 273 of the education law is  
2     amended by adding a new paragraph o to read as follows:

3     O. (1) A MERGED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM SHALL RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE  
4     AID MULTIPLIED BY A FACTOR EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF PREVIOUSLY EXISTING  
5     PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS MINUS THE NUMBER OF MERGED LIBRARY SYSTEMS. IF  
6     MORE THAN ONE MERGED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM RESULTS FROM MERGING, OR  
7     MERGING AND RECONFIGURING THREE OR MORE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING PUBLIC  
8     LIBRARY SYSTEMS, THE MERGED SYSTEMS SHALL DIVIDE THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATE  
9     AID.

10     (2) A MERGED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM MAY DESIGNATE ONE CENTRAL LIBRARY  
11     OR CO-CENTRAL LIBRARIES IN ITS PLAN OF LIBRARY SERVICE SUBMITTED PURSU-  
12     ANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION. FORTY PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL AID  
13     RECEIVED BY THE MERGED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM SHALL BE DESIGNATED FOR  
14     CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICES. IF CO-CENTRAL LIBRARIES ARE DESIGNATED, THE  
15     MERGED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM SHALL DETERMINE THE PROPORTION OF STATE AID  
16     TO BE ASSIGNED TO EACH.

17     (3) ON OR BEFORE MARCH FIRST OF THE THIRD YEAR FOLLOWING MERGER, OR  
18     MERGER AND RECONFIGURATION, A MERGED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM SHALL REPORT  
19     TO THE COMMISSIONER IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY HIM OR HER ON THE SAVINGS  
20     ACHIEVED BY AND THE IMPACT UPON SERVICE DELIVERY OF THE MERGER. THE  
21     COMMISSIONER SHALL IN TURN TRANSMIT SUCH REPORT TO THE TEMPORARY PRESI-  
22     DENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

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

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1 (4) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

2 (I) "MERGED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM" SHALL MEAN A PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM:

3 (A) CREATED AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN BY MERGING, OR  
4 MERGING AND RECONFIGURING THE AREAS SERVED BY TWO OR MORE PREVIOUSLY  
5 EXISTING PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS;

6 (B) MEETING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS ARE  
7 ENTITLED TO STATE AID AS SET FORTH IN SECTION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO OF  
8 THIS PART; AND

9 (C) RESULTING IN A LARGER GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR LARGER POPULATION SERVED  
10 THAN THE PRIOR EXISTING SYSTEMS AND RESULTING IN A DECREASE IN THE TOTAL  
11 NUMBER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID PURSUANT TO  
12 SECTION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO OF THIS PART.

13 (II) "PREVIOUSLY EXISTING PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM" SHALL MEAN A PUBLIC  
14 LIBRARY SYSTEM PROVIDING SERVICE UNDER AN APPROVED PLAN ON JANUARY  
15 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

16 (III) "SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID" SHALL MEAN STATE AID, IN ADDITION TO  
17 ANY OTHER STATE AID. THE AMOUNT OF SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID SHALL BE  
18 TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR THE FIRST FIVE  
19 YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO MERGING, TWO HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE  
20 SIXTH YEAR, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE SEVENTH  
21 YEAR, ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE EIGHTH YEAR, FIFTY-ONE  
22 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE NINTH YEAR, AND THEREAFTER SUCH AID SHALL CEASE  
23 TO BE PAID.

24 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.