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Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to maintenance of effort for state aid to public library systems

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 3 of paragraph j of subdivision 1 of section 272 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of part O of chapter 57 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The commissioner may waive the requirements of subparagraphs one and two of this paragraph, if the commissioner determines that the application of such subparagraphs would result in excessive hardship for the public library system or central library brought about by an extraordinary change in a local sponsor's economic condition, loss by a local sponsor of state aid to local governments provided under section fifty-four of the state finance law, or by a natural disaster. [Such waiver may be granted only one time to each public library system or central library within five calendar years. The commissioner may grant such waiver for a period of up to two consecutive calendar years.] THE COMMISSIONER MAY GRANT SUCH WAIVER FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO THREE CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR YEARS. The commissioner shall report any waivers granted under this subparagraph to the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the chairs of the legislative fiscal committees and the director of the division of the budget.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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