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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to state aid for library construction and infrastructure services

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-a of the education law, as  
2 amended by chapter 498 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. State aid shall be provided for up to fifty percent of the total  
5 project approved costs, excluding feasibility studies, plans or similar  
6 activities, for projects for the INSTALLATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF  
7 BROADBAND SERVICES, AND FOR THE acquisition of vacant land and the  
8 acquisition, construction, renovation or rehabilitation, including  
9 leasehold improvements, of buildings of public libraries and library  
10 systems chartered by the regents of the state of New York or established  
11 by act of the legislature subject to the limitations provided in subdi-  
12 vision five of this section and upon approval by the commissioner,  
13 except that state aid may be provided for up to seventy-five percent of  
14 the total project approved costs for buildings of public libraries that  
15 are located in an economically disadvantaged community. Provided howev-  
16 er that the state liability for aid paid pursuant to this section shall  
17 be limited to funds appropriated for such purpose. Aid shall be provided  
18 on approved expenses incurred during the period commencing July first  
19 and ending June thirtieth for up to three years, or until the project is  
20 completed, whichever occurs first. Fifty percent of such aid shall be  
21 payable to each system or library upon approval of the application by  
22 the department. Forty percent of such aid shall be payable in the next

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

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1 state fiscal year. The remaining ten percent shall be payable upon  
2 project completion.

3 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 273-a of the education law, as amended  
4 by section 4 of part A of chapter 57 of the laws of 2009, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 1. State aid shall be provided for up to fifty percent of the total  
7 project approved costs, excluding feasibility studies, plans or similar  
8 activities, for projects for the INSTALLATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF  
9 BROADBAND SERVICES, AND FOR THE acquisition, construction, renovation or  
10 rehabilitation, including leasehold improvements, of buildings of public  
11 libraries and library systems chartered by the regents of the state of  
12 New York or established by act of the legislature subject to the limita-  
13 tions provided in subdivision four of this section and upon approval by  
14 the commissioner. Provided however that the state liability for aid paid  
15 pursuant to this section shall be limited to funds appropriated for such  
16 purpose. Aid shall be provided on approved expenses incurred during the  
17 period commencing July first and ending June thirtieth for up to three  
18 years, or until the project is completed, whichever occurs first. Fifty  
19 percent of such aid shall be payable to each system or library upon  
20 approval of the application. Forty percent of such aid shall be payable  
21 in the next state fiscal year. The remaining ten percent shall be paya-  
22 ble upon project completion.

23 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-  
24 ments to subdivision 1 of section 273-a of the education law made by  
25 section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion  
26 of such section pursuant to chapter 498 of the laws of 2011, as amended,  
27 when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take  
28 effect.