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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ENGLE-BRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology

AN ACT to amend the education law and the state finance law, in relation to establishing the "New Century Libraries: Libraries 2017 act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the legislature to  
2 provide the people of New York with access to the information and  
3 library services they need today and will need tomorrow by establishing  
4 a New Century Libraries Initiative.

5 § 2. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Century  
6 Libraries: Libraries 2017 act".

7 § 3. Section 271 of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part  
8 O of chapter 57 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

9 § 271. Apportionment of state aid to Indian libraries. Any Indian  
10 library chartered by the regents or in the absence of such library any  
11 tribal government contracting for service from a chartered and regis-  
12 tered library or approved library system, shall be entitled to receive  
13 state aid during each calendar year consisting of the following amounts:

14 1. [~~Eighteen~~ **Nineteen** thousand dollars, and

15 2. The sum of [~~eighteen~~ **nineteen** dollars and [~~twenty~~ **twenty-five**  
16 cents per capita for persons residing on the reservation served by the  
17 Indian library or contract as shown by the latest federal census or  
18 certified by the New York state director of Indian services, and

19 3. The sum of one dollar and [~~fifty~~ **fifty-five** cents per acre of area  
20 served by the Indian library or contract.

21 Such sums shall be paid annually to the Indian library board of trus-  
22 tees for the use of the Indian library, or in the absence of such a  
23 board, to the tribal government for a contract for library service.  
24 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to diminish the

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

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1 funds, services or supplies provided to any Indian library by a library  
2 system as defined in section two hundred seventy-two of this [~~article~~]  
3 part. Increases in appropriations for such purposes during a calendar  
4 year shall be pro rated.

5 § 4. Section 273 of the education law, as amended by section 3 of part  
6 0 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2005, subdivision 7 as amended by chapter  
7 362 of the laws of 2013, subdivision 11 as added by section 3 of part  
8 A-5 of chapter 58 of the laws of 2006 and subdivision 12 as amended by  
9 section 3 of part A of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 § 273. Apportionment of state aid to libraries and library systems. 1.  
12 Any public library system providing service under an approved plan  
13 during a calendar year shall be entitled to receive during that calendar  
14 year state aid consisting of the following amounts:

15 a. An annual grant of:

16 (1) Ten thousand five hundred dollars where the library system serves  
17 less than one county, or

18 (2) [~~Twenty~~] Twenty-one thousand dollars where the library system  
19 serves one entire county, or

20 (3) Where the library system serves more than one county the system  
21 shall be entitled to receive [~~twenty-five~~] twenty-six thousand two  
22 hundred fifty dollars for each entire county served and/or ten thousand  
23 five hundred dollars for each county, any part of which is served by the  
24 library system. If an entire county is served by two or more library  
25 systems, each of which serves a part thereof, each of such library  
26 systems shall be entitled to receive a grant of ten thousand five  
27 hundred dollars and in addition, a pro rata share of an additional sum  
28 of ten thousand five hundred dollars, such share to be computed in  
29 accordance with the ratio which the population of the area of the county  
30 served by such library system bears to the total population of the coun-  
31 ty, as determined under subdivision one of section two hundred seventy-  
32 two of this [~~article~~] part.

33 b. In a library system which submits a plan for further development of  
34 its central library, which plan shall be approved by the commissioner in  
35 relation to standards for such central libraries, the amount of central  
36 library development aid shall be:

37 (1) [~~thirty-two~~] thirty-four cents per capita of the population within  
38 the chartered area of service of such library system with a minimum  
39 amount of one hundred [~~five~~] ten thousand two hundred fifty dollars, and

40 (2) an additional [~~seventy-one~~] seventy-five thousand [~~five hundred~~]  
41 two hundred fifty dollars to the library system for the purchase of  
42 books and materials including nonprint materials, as defined in regu-  
43 lations of the commissioner, for its central library. Ownership of  
44 library materials and equipment purchased with such central library aid  
45 provided by this paragraph shall be vested in the public library system.

46 c. The sum of [~~ninety-four~~] ninety-eight and seven-tenths cents per  
47 capita of population of the area served.

48 d. (1) An amount equal to the amount by which expenditures by the  
49 library system for books, periodicals, binding and nonprint materials  
50 during the preceding fiscal year exceeds forty cents per capita of popu-  
51 lation of the area served but the total apportionment pursuant to this  
52 subparagraph shall not exceed [~~sixty-eight~~] seventy-one and four-tenths  
53 cents per capita of population served. In the first year in which any  
54 library system changes its reporting from the calendar year to a fiscal  
55 year other than the calendar year, it shall file any additional report-

ing schedules deemed necessary by the commissioner for the purpose of determining state aid for the calendar year.

(2) Each public library system with an automation program to support bibliographic control and interlibrary sharing of information resources of member libraries, and to coordinate and integrate the automated system or systems of such member libraries consistent with regulations of the commissioner, shall be eligible to receive an amount equal to seven percent of the amount earned in subparagraph one of this paragraph, or ~~[seventy-six]~~ eighty thousand ~~[five]~~ three hundred twenty-five dollars, whichever is more.

e. The sum of ~~[fifty-two]~~ fifty-five dollars and twenty-five cents per square mile of area served by the library system in the case of library systems serving one county or less. Such sum shall be increased by five dollars for each additional entire county served, provided, however, that no apportionment pursuant to this paragraph shall exceed ~~[seventy-two]~~ seventy-five dollars and twenty-five cents per square mile of area served. If an entire county is served by two or more library systems, each of which serves a part thereof, each of such library systems shall be entitled to receive, in addition to the aid computed in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, a pro rata share of an increase of five dollars to be computed as follows: the sum resulting from the computation of five dollars per square mile of area served by the one of such library systems which would receive the largest amount of aid pursuant to this paragraph shall be pro rated among the library systems serving such county in accordance with the ratio which the population of the area served by each of such library systems bears to the population of the county as determined under subdivision one of section two hundred seventy-two of this ~~[article]~~ part.

f. (1) Local library services aid. Except in cities with a population in excess of one million inhabitants, each chartered and registered public and free association library meeting standards of service promulgated by the commissioner, and each public or free association library serving a city with a population of one hundred thousand or more which merged with the public library system on or before January first, nineteen hundred seventy-six and which meets standards of service promulgated by the commissioner, shall be eligible to receive annually ~~[thirty-one]~~ thirty-two and fifty-five hundredths cents per capita of the population of the library's chartered service area as on file with the commissioner on January first of the calendar year for which aid is payable, or, ~~[thirty-one]~~ thirty-two and fifty-five hundredths cents per capita of the population of the city with a population of one hundred thousand or more whose public or free association library merged with the public library system on or before January first, nineteen hundred seventy-six, with a minimum amount of one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars, except that no library shall receive less than the amount of local library services aid received in two thousand one. Regulations of the commissioner shall provide a method for establishing changes in chartered service areas or determining populations thereof. Local library services aid shall be paid to the system for distribution within thirty days of receipt to its member libraries in accordance with this subdivision. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of this subparagraph, the commissioner shall establish procedures under which a public or free association library may apply for a waiver of the requirements of the standards of service; provided, however, that any such waivers may only be granted in the same year in which the commissioner has apportioned a reduction adjustment.

(2) Local services support aid. Except in cities with a population in excess of one million inhabitants, each public library system operating under an approved plan of service shall be eligible to receive annually local services support aid equal to two-thirds of the total dollar amount paid in local library services aid to the member libraries of the system plus ~~[thirty-one]~~ thirty-two and fifty-five hundredths cents per capita of the system's population who do not reside within the chartered service area of a member library.

(3) Local consolidated systems aid. In cities with a population in excess of one million inhabitants, each public library system operating under an approved plan of service shall be eligible to receive annually local consolidated system aid equal to the sum of (i) ~~[thirty-one]~~ thirty-two and fifty-five hundredths cents per capita of the population served by the system, but not less than the amount of local library incentive aid received in nineteen hundred ninety-one as reported on the library's nineteen hundred ninety-one annual report increased by five percent of that amount; and (ii) an additional amount equal to two-thirds of the total dollar amount computed for the system pursuant to clause (i) of this subparagraph.

g. In addition to the sums otherwise provided in ~~[paragraphs a, b, c, d, e, f, h and i of]~~ this subdivision, the New York Public Library shall receive an amount equal to its actual expenditures for books, periodicals and binding for its research libraries which expenditures are not otherwise reimbursed or ~~[seven]~~ eight hundred ~~[sixty-seven]~~ five thousand three hundred fifty dollars, whichever is less, and the additional sum of five million ~~[six]~~ nine hundred ~~[forty-nine]~~ thirty-two thousand ~~[six hundred]~~ eighty dollars for the general support of such research libraries. In addition to any other sums provided to such library, the sum of two million dollars shall be payable annually to the New York Public Library for the general support of library services provided by the New York Public Library to the students of the City University of New York and the sum of one million dollars shall be payable annually to the New York Public Library for the general support of its science, industry and business library.

h. (1) Coordinated outreach services. Each public library system which provides coordinated outreach services, as defined by regulations to be promulgated by the commissioner, to persons who are educationally disadvantaged or who are members of ethnic or minority groups in need of special library services, or who are unemployed and in need of job placement assistance, or who live in areas underserved by a library, or who are blind, physically disabled, have developmental or learning disabilities, or who are aged or confined in institutions, shall be entitled to receive annually ~~[forty-three]~~ forty-five thousand one hundred fifty dollars and ~~[thirteen]~~ fourteen cents per capita of the total population of the area served.

(2) Adult literacy grants. The commissioner shall award annual grants for approved expenses for library-based programs conducted by public library systems and public and free association libraries which are members of a public library system to assist adults to increase their literacy skills. The commissioner shall award such grants having determined that such programs are being operated in direct coordination with local public schools, colleges and other organizations which are operating similar adult literacy programs. Annual state aid of ~~[two]~~ four hundred sixty thousand dollars shall be awarded for grants in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner. Ninety percent of the amount of any such adult literacy grant shall be payable to the library

1 or system upon approval by the department. The final ten percent shall  
2 be payable upon completion of the project.

3 (3) Family literacy grants. The commissioner shall award annual grants  
4 for approved expenses for library-based family literacy programs for  
5 pre-school and school age children and their parents conducted by public  
6 library systems and public libraries and free association libraries  
7 which are members of a public library system. Annual state aid of  
8 [~~three~~] six hundred sixty-five thousand dollars for grants shall be  
9 awarded in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner.  
10 Ninety percent of the amount of any such family literacy grant shall be  
11 payable to the library or system upon approval by the department. The  
12 final ten percent shall be payable upon completion of the project.

13 i. In addition to any other sums provided for such purposes, the New  
14 York Public Library shall receive annually the sum of seven hundred  
15 [~~thirty-four~~] seventy thousand seven hundred dollars for the program of  
16 the Schomburg center for research in black culture, and the additional  
17 sum of [~~nine~~] one million three hundred [~~eighty-four~~] thirty-three thou-  
18 sand two hundred dollars for the program of the library for the blind  
19 and physically handicapped.

20 j. In addition to any other sums provided to such library, the sum of  
21 two hundred [~~fifty~~] sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars shall be  
22 paid annually to the New York Historical Society for making its library  
23 services available to the public.

24 k. In addition to any other sums provided to such library the sum of  
25 three hundred [~~fifty~~] sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars shall be  
26 payable annually to the Brooklyn Public Library for its business library  
27 for each calendar year.

28 l. In addition to any other sums provided to such library, the sum of  
29 [~~fifty~~] fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars shall be payable annual-  
30 ly to the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library for a continuity of  
31 service project approved by the commissioner for each calendar year.

32 m. In addition to any other sums provided to such library system, the  
33 sum of [~~thirty~~] thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars shall be paya-  
34 ble annually to the Nassau library system for a continuity of service  
35 project approved by the commissioner for each calendar year.

36 n. In addition to any other sum provided in this subdivision, each  
37 public library system with an electronic information program consistent  
38 with regulations of the commissioner, shall be eligible to receive annu-  
39 ally an amount equal to eight and four hundred and thirty-five one thou-  
40 sandth percent of the total amount earned under paragraphs a, c, e and  
41 subparagraph one of paragraph d and paragraph o of this subdivision. The  
42 minimum grant available shall be sixty thousand dollars.

43 o. The minimum annual grant available to a library system under para-  
44 graphs a, c and e and subparagraph one of paragraph d of this subdivi-  
45 sion shall be [~~six~~] seven hundred [~~seventy-five~~] ten thousand dollars.

46 p. (1) In calendar year two thousand seventeen and thereafter, each  
47 chartered and registered public and free association library meeting  
48 standards of service promulgated by the commissioner and serving a city  
49 as defined by the federal census shall be eligible to receive annually  
50 urban library services aid equal to one dollar per capita of the popu-  
51 lation of the city as determined by the latest federal census, provided  
52 that in the case of a city having a population of one million or more,  
53 such aid shall be determined based on the population of the borough in  
54 which the library is located. This annual state aid shall be awarded in  
55 accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner. Urban  
56 library services aid shall be paid to the library system for distrib-



1 ution within thirty days of receipt to its eligible member libraries in  
2 accordance with this subdivision.

3 (2) In the event that the sum total of local sponsor support raised by  
4 local taxation exclusive of the sum raised for capital expenditures or  
5 debt service in the twelve month period, is less than ninety-five per  
6 centum of the average of the amounts raised for such purposes by local  
7 taxation for the two preceding twelve month periods, the urban library  
8 services aid to which such library would otherwise be entitled shall be  
9 reduced by the same ratio.

10 (3) The commissioner may waive the requirements of subparagraph two of  
11 this paragraph, if the commissioner determines that the application of  
12 such subparagraph would result in excessive hardship for the public or  
13 free association library brought about by an extraordinary change in a  
14 local sponsor's economic condition, loss by a local sponsor of state aid  
15 to local governments provided under section fifty-four of the state  
16 finance law, or by a natural disaster. The commissioner may grant such a  
17 waiver annually.

18 (4) A "local sponsor" shall mean any municipality, a school district  
19 or a district as defined in the general municipal law, or any combina-  
20 tion thereof.

21 g. (1) In calendar year two thousand seventeen and thereafter, up  
22 through and including calendar year two thousand twenty-one, except in  
23 cities with a population in excess of one million inhabitants, the  
24 commissioner is hereby authorized to expend each year up to seven  
25 million dollars for grants to public library systems operating under an  
26 approved plan of service and with an approved program for assisting  
27 local communities to create and strengthen local public library  
28 districts so that all New Yorkers may live within the boundaries of a  
29 local public library district. Such grants shall be awarded for a period  
30 of three years, shall be determined on the basis of criteria to be  
31 developed by the commissioner and shall assist member public and free  
32 association libraries in meeting and exceeding standards established by  
33 the regents in accordance with section two hundred fifty-four of this  
34 part. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any  
35 portion of a grant award that remains unexpended at the end of a state  
36 fiscal year shall be carried over to the next fiscal year and shall  
37 remain available to the library or library system for expenditure for  
38 purposes of this paragraph to the extent there is an appropriation  
39 available, provided that the term of the grant has not expired. This  
40 state aid shall be awarded in accordance with regulations promulgated by  
41 the commissioner.

42 (2) The commissioner shall provide grants to eligible public library  
43 systems with a program for assisting libraries and communities in creat-  
44 ing and strengthening public library districts in the following manner:

45 (a) an amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars to each eligible  
46 public library system in furtherance of the purposes of this paragraph,  
47 and

48 (b) an amount up to one dollar per capita of the library system's  
49 population who do not reside within the chartered service area of a  
50 member library to each eligible public library system in furtherance of  
51 the purposes of this paragraph, and

52 (c) the remainder for incentive and enabling grants to public library  
53 districts established on or after January first, two thousand eleven or  
54 to those public and free association libraries or public library systems  
55 with a plan to assist communities to create, reconfigure or strengthen a  
56 local public library district.

(3) In calendar year two thousand seventeen and thereafter, up through and including calendar year two thousand twenty-one, the New York state library shall be entitled to receive each year the sum of four hundred thousand dollars for the establishment and implementation of a statewide program for assisting public library systems, public and free association libraries and local communities to create and strengthen local public library districts so that all New Yorkers live within the boundaries of a local public library district. Such statewide services may include, but are not limited to technical assistance and training for libraries and library systems, publications, communications and program planning, implementation and evaluation.

r. (1) In calendar year two thousand seventeen and thereafter, except in cities as defined by the federal census, the commissioner is hereby authorized to provide grants to strengthen chartered and registered public and free association libraries meeting standards of service promulgated by the commissioner. Each eligible library shall receive thirty-five and seventy-seven one hundredths cents per capita of the population of the library's chartered service area as on file with the commissioner on January first of the calendar year in which aid is payable. This annual state aid shall be awarded in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner. Nonurban library services aid shall be paid to the system for distribution within thirty days of receipt to its eligible member libraries in accordance with this subdivision.

(2) In the event that the sum total of local sponsor support raised by local taxation exclusive of the sum raised for capital expenditures in a twelve month period, is less than ninety-five per centum of the average of the amounts raised for such purposes by local taxation for the two preceding twelve month periods, the nonurban library services aid to which such library would otherwise be entitled shall be reduced by the same ratio.

(3) The commissioner may waive the requirements of subparagraph two of this paragraph, if the commissioner determines that the application of such subparagraph would result in excessive hardship for the public or free association 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. The commissioner may grant such waiver annually.

(4) A "local sponsor" shall mean any municipality, a school district or a district as defined in the general municipal law, or any combination thereof.

s. (1) In calendar year two thousand seventeen and thereafter, the commissioner is authorized to expend up to ten million dollars annually to provide local library need-based aid grants to chartered and registered public and free association libraries meeting standards of service promulgated by the commissioner and located in economically disadvantaged communities. Local library need-based aid would provide matching grants to raise the total local sponsor support raised by local taxation exclusive of the sum raised for capital expenditures and debt service to a total of twenty dollars per capita of the population of the library's chartered service area as on file with the commissioner on January first of the year in which the aid is payable. Such matching grants shall be determined on the basis of need criteria to be developed by the commissioner and shall assist those member public and free association libraries designated by the commissioner as serving economically disad-

1 vantaged communities in meeting and exceeding standards established by  
2 the regents in accordance with section two hundred fifty-four of this  
3 part. This annual state aid shall be awarded in accordance with regu-  
4 lations promulgated by the commissioner. This state aid shall be paid  
5 to the system for distribution within thirty days of receipt to its  
6 eligible member libraries in accordance with this subdivision.

7 (2) In the event that the sum total of local sponsor support raised by  
8 local taxation exclusive of the sum raised for capital expenditures in a  
9 twelve month period, is less than that provided to the local library in  
10 the fiscal year ending in two thousand sixteen, the local library need-  
11 based aid to which such library would otherwise be entitled shall be  
12 reduced by the same ratio. In the event that the sum total of local  
13 sponsor support raised by local taxation exclusive of the sum raised for  
14 capital expenditures in a twelve month period, is more than that  
15 provided to the local library in the fiscal year ending in two thousand  
16 sixteen, the local library need-based state aid to which such library  
17 would otherwise be entitled would remain constant.

18 (3) The commissioner may waive the requirements of subparagraph two of  
19 this paragraph, if the commissioner determines that the application of  
20 such subparagraph would result in excessive hardship for the public or  
21 free association library brought about by an extraordinary change in a  
22 local sponsor's economic condition, loss by a local sponsor of state aid  
23 to local governments provided under section fifty-four of the state  
24 finance law, or by a natural disaster. The commissioner may grant such  
25 waiver annually.

26 (4) A "local sponsor" shall mean any municipality, a school district,  
27 or a district as defined in the general municipal law, or any combina-  
28 tion thereof.

29 t. (1) In calendar year two thousand seventeen and thereafter, the  
30 commissioner is hereby authorized to expend up to four hundred thousand  
31 dollars annually for statewide reading programs coordinated by the New  
32 York state library and conducted by the public library systems and  
33 public and free association libraries.

34 (2) For the purposes of this subdivision, the commissioner shall  
35 provide grants for participation in statewide reading programs to public  
36 library systems operating under an approved plan of service. Such grants  
37 shall be determined on the basis of criteria to be developed by the  
38 commissioner and shall be awarded as follows:

39 (a) an annual base grant of five thousand dollars to each eligible  
40 public library system, plus the sum of five cents per school age child  
41 based on the total public and nonpublic school enrollment within the  
42 geographic area served by the system; and

43 (b) the remainder shall be provided to the New York state library for  
44 establishing and coordinating statewide reading programs, which may  
45 include contracting with library systems or other libraries to deliver  
46 statewide services for this purpose. Such statewide services may  
47 include, but shall not be limited to, training, technical assistance to  
48 libraries and library systems, publications, communications and program  
49 planning and evaluation.

50 2. Within the amounts appropriated therefor moneys paid out pursuant  
51 to this section shall be paid out of the state treasury on vouchers  
52 certified by the commissioner after audit by and upon the warrant of the  
53 comptroller.

54 3. The commissioner may waive the requirement that a public library  
55 system serve an entire county to earn the maximum annual grant under  
56 subparagraphs two and three of paragraph a of subdivision one of this



1 section and paragraphs b, c, e and h of subdivision one of this section  
2 where the commissioner deems reasonable effort has been made by the  
3 system to encourage membership by all libraries in the county.

4 4. Reference and research library resources system. a. Any reference  
5 and research library resources system providing service under an  
6 approved plan during a calendar year shall be entitled to receive annual  
7 state aid consisting of an annual grant of [~~two~~] four hundred [~~seventy~~]  
8 thirty-five thousand dollars plus the sum of [~~one dollar and fifty~~  
9 ~~cents~~] three dollars per square mile of area served plus the sum of  
10 [~~six~~] eleven and seven hundredths cents per capita of the population of  
11 the area served. Each system may annually appropriate funds received  
12 under this provision to obtain matching funds from the National Endow-  
13 ment for the Humanities in the United States Newspaper Program. The  
14 annual amount payable to each approved system under this paragraph shall  
15 be payable on or before July first, provided that, upon receipt of annu-  
16 al system activity reports satisfactory to the commissioner, the commis-  
17 sioner shall determine the amount of any under- or overpayments and  
18 shall apply such adjustment to the next annual payment due such system.

19 b. [~~The commissioner is hereby authorized to expend up to five hundred~~  
20 ~~six thousand dollars annually in each state fiscal year to provide~~  
21 ~~formula grants to approved reference and research library resources~~  
22 ~~systems for provision of consumer health and medical information~~  
23 ~~services for all types of libraries and library systems. Such grants~~  
24 ~~shall assist libraries in providing access to timely and accurate~~  
25 ~~medical and health information for medical personnel and for the general~~  
26 ~~public. In addition to any other sum provided in this subdivision, each~~  
27 ~~reference and research library resources system providing service under~~  
28 ~~an approved plan with a consumer health and medical library information~~  
29 ~~services program for all types of libraries and library systems shall be~~  
30 ~~eligible to receive an annual formula grant. Such formula grants shall~~  
31 ~~be determined on the basis of criteria to be prescribed by the commis-~~  
32 ~~sioner.~~] In addition to any other sum provided in this subdivision, each  
33 reference and research library resources system providing service under  
34 an approved plan with an electronic information program consistent with  
35 regulations of the commissioner, shall be eligible to receive annually  
36 an amount equal to thirty-two and five-tenths percent of the amount  
37 earned in paragraph a of this subdivision.

38 c. In addition to any other sum provided in this subdivision, each  
39 reference and research library resources system providing service under  
40 an approved plan with a consumer health and medical library information  
41 services program for all types of libraries and library systems shall be  
42 eligible to receive an annual base grant of twenty-five thousand dollars  
43 plus the sum of one and seven hundred three thousandths cents per capita  
44 of the population of the area served. The commissioner shall provide the  
45 annual amount payable to each approved system under this paragraph in  
46 the following manner:

47 (1) Funds shall be available to each reference and research library  
48 resources system in such manner as to insure that the ratio of the  
49 amount each system is eligible to receive equals the weighted ratio of  
50 the total number of institutions as defined in subparagraph two of this  
51 paragraph in the region served by the system to the total number of such  
52 institutions in the state.

53 (2) For the purposes of determining the amount of funds available to  
54 each system, institutions and their weightings are as follows:

55 (i) not-for-profit hospitals licensed by the New York state health  
56 department, with a weighting of two;

(ii) for-profit teaching hospitals licensed by the New York state health department, with an additional weighting of one; and  
(iii) member institutions of a reference and research library resources system, excluding public and hospital libraries, with a weighting of one.

~~[e-]~~ d. (1) The commissioner is hereby authorized to expend up to ~~[one]~~ two million ~~[three]~~ four hundred ~~[ninety-six]~~ sixty-six thousand dollars in each state fiscal year to provide formula grants to approved reference and research library resources systems for provision of services to member hospital libraries in not-for-profit hospitals licensed by the New York state health department, or to member libraries serving such hospitals. Such formula grants shall be determined on the basis of criteria to be developed by the commissioner and shall assist member hospital libraries or member libraries serving hospitals in meeting the standards established by the regents in accordance with section two hundred fifty-four of this ~~[article]~~ part. Such formula grants shall support integration of member hospital libraries or member libraries serving hospitals into existing networks.

(2) The commissioner shall provide grants to the reference and research library resources systems in the following manner:

(a) an amount equal to ~~[seventy-five cents]~~ two dollars per square mile of area served by the reference and research library resource system in furtherance of the purposes of this paragraph, and

(b) the remainder for library services to hospitals in accordance with regulations of the commissioner adopted for such purpose.

5. Coordinated collection development program for public and nonprofit independent colleges and universities.

a. Libraries of public and nonprofit independent colleges and universities are entitled to receive annual funding for a coordinated collection development grant if they meet the following conditions:

(1) Membership in a reference and research library resources system,

(2) Their resources are made available to the public, through full participation in the interlibrary loan and other resource sharing programs of the reference and research library resources system of which they are members, and

(3) They meet the requirements set forth in regulations adopted by the commissioner including but not confined to

(a) maintenance of effort,

(b) relationships between reference and research library resources systems' programs and the regional higher education master plan,

(c) submission of interlibrary loan statistics, and such other reports as may be required by the commissioner.

b. Public and nonprofit independent colleges and universities with libraries which meet the criteria of paragraph a of this subdivision are eligible for annual grants as follows:

(1) Four thousand ~~[four]~~ six hundred twenty dollars for each institution, and

(2) One dollar and ~~[four]~~ nine and two-tenths cents for each full-time equivalent student enrolled in each qualifying institution, in the academic year completed prior to the state fiscal year. For purposes of this section, a full-time equivalent shall be calculated as follows:

(i) one full-time undergraduate student shall be considered one full-time equivalent student;

(ii) one part-time undergraduate student shall be considered one-third of a full-time equivalent student;

1 (iii) one part-time graduate student shall be considered one full-time  
2 equivalent student; and

3 (iv) one full-time graduate student shall be considered one and one-  
4 half of a full-time equivalent student.

5 c. Funds for the support of this program shall be appropriated to the  
6 department, except that funds for the state-operated institutions of the  
7 state university of New York and the senior colleges of the city univer-  
8 sity of New York, shall be appropriated to the state university of New  
9 York out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the  
10 credit of the state purposes fund not otherwise appropriated, and funds  
11 shall be appropriated to the city university of New York out of any  
12 moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the  
13 local assistance fund not otherwise appropriated, and shall be subject  
14 to the same distribution formula as provided in paragraph b of this  
15 subdivision.

16 d. The New York state library shall be entitled to receive annually  
17 the sum of six hundred thousand dollars for the establishment and imple-  
18 mentation of a program of statewide access to electronic information by  
19 public and nonprofit independent colleges and universities with  
20 libraries which meet the criteria of paragraph a of this subdivision.

21 6. Regional bibliographic data bases and interlibrary resources shar-  
22 ing. a. The commissioner shall award annually to each of the approved  
23 nine reference and research library resources systems, from funds appro-  
24 priated by the legislature for an annual grant for an automation program  
25 (i) to support bibliographic control and interlibrary sharing of infor-  
26 mation resources among all types of libraries and library systems in an  
27 area not less than that of a reference and research library resources  
28 system, and (ii) to coordinate and integrate the automated systems of  
29 the component member public library system or systems, school library  
30 system or systems and other automated systems within the area of the  
31 reference and research library resources system. Each reference and  
32 research library resources system of such region shall be entitled to an  
33 annual grant of two hundred ten thousand dollars plus the sum of two and  
34 one-tenth cents per capita of the population served.

35 b. To be eligible for a grant, each reference and research library  
36 resources system shall meet the requirements set forth in regulations  
37 adopted by the commissioner which shall include standards relating to  
38 library automation, continuous development of the data base, and updat-  
39 ing, access and linking of the data base programs. Each reference and  
40 research library resources system shall include in its approved plan of  
41 service a description of a regional library automation program, which  
42 shall include all library systems in the region that are members of the  
43 reference and research library resources system.

44 7. Conservation and preservation of library research materials. a. The  
45 commissioner shall award in any state fiscal year, an annual formula  
46 grant of one hundred [~~fifty-eight~~] sixty-five thousand seven hundred  
47 dollars for a program of conservation and/or preservation of library  
48 research materials to each of the following comprehensive research  
49 libraries: Columbia university libraries, Cornell university libraries,  
50 New York state library, New York university libraries, university of  
51 Rochester libraries, Syracuse university libraries, the research  
52 libraries of the New York public library, state university of New York  
53 at Albany library, state university of New York at Binghamton library,  
54 state university of New York at Buffalo library, and state university of  
55 New York at Stony Brook library.

b. To be eligible for such formula grants, each such comprehensive research library must submit both a five-year plan and an annual program budget. The plan must satisfy criteria to be established by the commissioner in regulations relating to the identification of library research materials, the need for their preservation, and the means of their conservation.

c. Other agencies and libraries, as defined in regulations promulgated by the commissioner, which are not eligible for funding under paragraph a of this subdivision, may receive separate grants the sum of which shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars in any state fiscal year to support the preservation and/or conservation of unique library research materials. Such agencies and libraries shall submit project proposals. Approval of such project proposals, and determination of funding level, shall be based upon, but not limited to, factors such as: the research value of materials to be preserved and/or conserved; appropriateness of conservation and preservation techniques in accordance with statewide planning and national standards; institutional capacity for successful completion of the project, including facilities, experience, and technical expertise; availability of staff with appropriate training and expertise; contribution of the institution to the project in matching funds and staff resources; and the volume of interlibrary lending and access to holdings by the public. Ninety percent of each such grant shall be payable upon approval by the department and the remaining ten percent shall be payable upon project completion.

d. Funds made available under the provisions of this section may be used by comprehensive research libraries and other agencies eligible for funding to obtain matching funds from the national endowment for the humanities preservation program and other federal programs.

e. The commissioner shall establish an office for coordination of conservation and/or preservation of library research materials to identify the conservation and/or preservation needs of libraries within the state, to assess the technology available for such conservation and preservation, and to coordinate the conservation and preservation efforts resulting from this legislation. The New York state library shall be entitled to receive annually the sum of fifty thousand dollars for coordination of conservation and/or preservation efforts resulting from this legislation.

8. New York state talking book and braille library. The New York state talking book and braille library shall be entitled to receive annually an amount equal to the product of the aid ceiling multiplied by the number of registered borrowers of such materials of such library as of the November report for the November immediately preceding the state fiscal year for which the payment will be made. Such amount shall be used to improve the quality of services provided to such borrowers. For aid payable in each state fiscal year, the aid ceiling per registered borrower shall be ~~nineteen~~ twenty-seven dollars. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the New York state talking book and braille library shall be the successor in interest to the New York state library for the blind and visually handicapped for all purposes, or the library for the blind and physically handicapped, and the change in name shall not affect the rights or interests of any party. Except where the context indicates a contrary intent, any reference in any other general or special law to the New York state library for the blind and visually handicapped or the library for the blind and physically handicapped shall be deemed a reference to the New York state talking book and braille library.

9. New York online virtual electronic library. The New York state library shall be entitled to receive annually the sum of five million dollars for the establishment and implementation of a statewide New York online virtual electronic library for the people of the state. Of such amount at least four million five hundred thousand dollars shall be made available for statewide access to electronic information by New Yorkers, which may include contracting with library systems or other libraries to deliver statewide services for this purpose; and five hundred thousand dollars shall be made available for strengthening statewide library services that support the development and maintenance of the statewide digital library and electronic access to information. Such statewide services may include, but shall not be limited to, training, help desk support, technical assistance to libraries and library systems, publications, communications, and program planning and evaluation.

10. Digitization of library research materials. In addition to any other sums provided for such purposes, the commissioner shall annually award grants for competitive digitization projects conducted by a library system or library, which is a member of a library system. Grants shall be provided for the period commencing July first and ending on the following June thirtieth. Annual state aid of one million dollars for grant awards, including up to fifty thousand dollars to the New York state library for the review of project proposals submitted by libraries or library systems, including peer review, shall be allocated for this purpose. Applications for grants by member libraries must be endorsed by the library system. Such grants shall be awarded on the basis of project proposals in accordance with project proposal guidelines. Criteria for approval of such proposals and determination of funding levels shall be based upon, but not limited to, such factors as:

a. the project is being operated by the applicant in direct coordination with one or more of the following institutions: another library, a library system, local public school, a college or university, local government or any other not-for-profit organization providing education, cultural and information services to the community or to the people of the state;

b. institutional commitment on the part of the applicant to the development of a coordinated approach to digitization of materials important to the people of the state;

c. appropriateness of planning in relation to national standards or best practices and statewide planning; the project's impact on access to holdings and information by the public;

d. contribution of the applicant institution to the project in matching funds and staff resources; and institutional capacity for successful completion of the project including facilities, experience, technical capacity and expertise.

11. New York state library research collections. In addition to any other sums provided for such purposes, the New York state library shall receive annually for strengthening its research collections an amount equal to six hundred thousand dollars.

12. State aid for a coordinated program of library and archival services at The Center for Jewish History, Inc. a. In addition to any other sums provided to The Center for Jewish History, Inc., the commissioner shall award in any state fiscal year an annual grant of two hundred thousand dollars for a coordinated program of library and archival services that will increase public access to the library and archival collections of The Center for Jewish History, Inc. and its member institutions.



b. The Center for Jewish History, Inc. is hereby admitted to the University of the State of New York and shall, as a condition of continued receipt of aid, maintain such status in accordance with regulations of the commissioner. Such regulations may include submission of a five-year plan and annual program budget.

~~[10-]~~ 13. State aid for summer reading programs. The commissioner is hereby authorized to expend the funds of the love your library fund, established in section ninety-nine-1 of the state finance law, which shall provide grants for participation in statewide summer reading programs as coordinated by the state library to public library systems on the basis of criteria to be developed by the commissioner. Upon a determination by the commissioner that there is adequate revenue available for a grant program in the upcoming fiscal year, grants shall be awarded as follows:

a. sixty percent of the funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be made available to public library systems for use by member libraries by the commissioner in such manner as to insure that the ratio of the amount received within each system to the whole of the aid made available pursuant to this paragraph is no greater than the ratio of the population served by such system to the population of the state; and

b. forty percent of the funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be made available to library systems for use by their member libraries within each system by the commissioner in such manner as to insure that an equal amount is received within each system in the state.

~~[11-]~~ 14. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each year commencing with the two thousand six calendar year, no library or library system shall receive less aid pursuant to this section or section two hundred seventy-one or two hundred seventy-two of this part than it would have been eligible to receive for the two thousand one calendar year solely by reason of a decrease in the population of the area served as a result of the latest approved federal census.

~~[12-]~~ 15. The commissioner is hereby authorized to expend funds annually for formula grants to public library systems, reference and research library resources systems, and school library systems operating under an approved plan of service. Such formula grants shall be provided for the period commencing July first and ending on June thirtieth next following. Such formula grants will be distributed in the following manner:

a. Each public library system established pursuant to sections two hundred fifty-five and two hundred seventy-two of this part and operating under a plan approved by the commissioner is entitled to receive annually thirty-nine thousand dollars and an amount equal to ten and ninety-four hundredths percent of the amount of state aid received for the current year by such system under paragraphs a, c, d, e and n of subdivision one of this section;

b. Each reference and research library resources system established pursuant to section two hundred seventy-two of this part and operating under a plan approved by the commissioner is entitled to receive annually thirty-nine thousand dollars and an amount equal to ten and ninety-four hundredths percent of the amount of state aid received for the current year under paragraph a of subdivision four of this section; and

c. Each school library system established pursuant to section two hundred eighty-two of this part and operating under a plan approved by the commissioner is entitled to receive annually thirty-nine thousand dollars and an amount equal to ten and ninety-four hundredths percent of the amount of state aid received for the current year by such system

1 under paragraphs a, b, c~~[, d, e]~~ and ~~[f]~~ d of subdivision one of section  
2 two hundred eighty-four of this part.

3 § 5. Section 284 of the education law, as amended by section 5 of part  
4 O of chapter 57 of the laws of 2005 and paragraph f of subdivision 1 as  
5 amended by chapter 654 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 § 284. State aid for school library systems. 1. Each school library  
8 system established pursuant to section two hundred eighty-two of this  
9 part and operating under a plan approved by the commissioner shall be  
10 eligible to receive funding under this section consisting of the follow-  
11 ing amounts:

12 a. Each school library system with a public and nonpublic school  
13 enrollment of less than ~~[one]~~ five hundred thousand students shall  
14 receive a base grant of ~~[eighty-three]~~ one hundred twenty-five thousand  
15 dollars;

16 b. ~~[Each school library system with a public and nonpublic school~~  
17 ~~enrollment of one hundred thousand students but less than two hundred~~  
18 ~~thousand students shall receive a base grant of ninety thousand dollars,~~

19 c. ~~Each school library system with a public and nonpublic school~~  
20 ~~enrollment of two hundred thousand students but less than five hundred~~  
21 ~~thousand students shall receive a base grant of one hundred twenty-three~~  
22 ~~thousand dollars, and~~

23 ~~d.]~~ Each school library system with a public and nonpublic school  
24 enrollment of more than five hundred thousand students shall receive a  
25 base grant of eight hundred ninety-seven thousand dollars~~[,];~~

26 ~~[e-]~~ c. In addition to the base grant provided in paragraph a~~[,]~~ or  
27 b~~[, e or d]~~ of this subdivision, each school library system shall  
28 receive annually:

29 (1) ~~[twenty-nine]~~ seventy-five cents per student enrolled in the  
30 public and nonpublic schools located within such system, and

31 (2) ~~[five]~~ six hundred dollars per public school district located  
32 within such system, and a minimum of ~~[four]~~ five thousand ~~[three~~  
33 ~~hundred]~~ dollars per system located within a board of cooperative educa-  
34 tional services area, or ~~[five]~~ six thousand dollars per city school  
35 district of a city with a population of one hundred twenty-five thousand  
36 inhabitants or more, and

37 (3) ~~[two]~~ five dollars ~~[and forty-five cents]~~ per square mile of the  
38 school library system~~[,];~~

39 ~~[f-]~~ d. In addition to any other sum provided in this subdivision, any  
40 school library system formed through an act of merger since January  
41 first, nineteen hundred eighty-four shall receive fifty thousand dollars  
42 annually for each approved act of merger, provided, however, that any  
43 school library system formed through an act of merger on or after April  
44 first, two thousand eight shall receive ninety thousand dollars annually  
45 for each approved act of merger~~[,]; and~~

46 ~~[g-]~~ e. In addition to any other sum provided in this subdivision,  
47 each school library system with an electronic information program  
48 consistent with the regulations of the commissioner shall be eligible to  
49 receive annually an ~~[automation grant amounting]~~ amount equal to ~~[ten]~~  
50 thirty-eight percent of the total aid produced for that system by adding  
51 the base grant provided by paragraph a~~[,]~~ or b~~[, e or d]~~ of this subdivi-  
52 sion to the additional aid provided by paragraphs ~~[e and f]~~ c and d of  
53 this subdivision.

54 2. Before a school library system shall be entitled to receive operat-  
55 ing funds, such system shall submit a plan of library service to the  
56 commissioner for approval. The commissioner shall establish standards of

1 service for school library systems by regulation. Such regulations shall  
2 contain standards relating to: system staffing; union catalog and data-  
3 base development; interlibrary loan; communications and delivery; gover-  
4 nance and advisory committees; membership criteria and the means of  
5 relating district library resources and programs to those of the system;  
6 non-public school participation; and procedures for submission and  
7 approval of plans and certification of membership.

8 3. The moneys made available pursuant to this section shall be  
9 distributed to each school library system whose plan of service has been  
10 approved under the provisions of subdivision two of this section.

11 4. Each school library system receiving state aid pursuant to this  
12 section shall furnish such information regarding its library service as  
13 the commissioner may from time to time require to determine whether it  
14 is operating in accordance with its plan and the standards of service  
15 the commissioner has established. The commissioner may at any time after  
16 affording notice and an opportunity to be heard, revoke approval of a  
17 plan of library service if the commissioner finds that the school  
18 library system no longer conforms to its approved plan, the provisions  
19 of this section or the regulations promulgated by the commissioner here-  
20 under; or, in the case of provisional approval, if such school library  
21 system no longer conforms to the agreement, plans or conditions upon  
22 which such provisional approval was based. In such case a school library  
23 system shall not thereafter be entitled to state aid pursuant to this  
24 section unless and until its plan of library service is again approved  
25 by the commissioner.

26 § 6. Section 285 of the education law, as amended by section 6 of part  
27 O of chapter 57 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

28 § 285. State aid for cooperation with correctional facilities. 1. Each  
29 public library system operating under an approved plan of service which  
30 has a state correctional facility or facilities within its area of  
31 service shall be awarded an annual grant of nine dollars [~~twenty-five~~  
32 seventy cents per capita for the inmate population of such facility or  
33 facilities to make available to the inmate population of such facility  
34 or facilities, in direct coordination with the correctional facilities  
35 libraries, the library resources of such system. The commissioner shall  
36 adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions  
37 of this subdivision.

38 2. The commissioner is authorized to expend up to one hundred [~~seven-~~  
39 ~~ty-five-thousand~~] eighty-three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars  
40 annually to provide grants to public library systems operating under an  
41 approved plan of service for provision of services to county jail facil-  
42 ities. Such formula grants shall assist the library system in making  
43 available to the inmate population of such facility or facilities the  
44 library resources of such system. Such grants shall be available to each  
45 public library system in such manner as to insure that the ratio of the  
46 amount each system is eligible to receive equals the ratio of the number  
47 of inmates served by the county jail facility to the total number of  
48 inmates served by county jail facilities in the state as of July first  
49 of the year preceding the calendar year in which the state aid to public  
50 library systems is to be paid. Inmate populations shall be certified by  
51 the New York state commission of correction. The commissioner shall  
52 adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions  
53 of this subdivision.

54 § 7. The education law is amended by adding a new section 286 to read  
55 as follows:

1     § 286. State aid for New York excellence in library services program.  
2     1. In state fiscal year two thousand seventeen--two thousand eighteen  
3     and thereafter, the commissioner is hereby authorized to expend each  
4     year up to two million dollars for grants to public library systems,  
5     reference and research library resources systems and school library  
6     systems operating under an approved plan of service and with an approved  
7     program of excellence in library services, in order to achieve higher  
8     quality library service for all New Yorkers. Such grants shall be deter-  
9     mined on the basis of criteria to be developed by the commissioner and  
10    shall assist member libraries and districts in meeting and exceeding  
11    standards of excellence established by the regents. Grants shall be  
12    provided for the period commencing July first and ending on June thirti-  
13    eth next following. The state aid shall be awarded in accordance with  
14    regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

15    2. The commissioner shall provide grants to eligible public library  
16    systems, reference and research library resources systems and school  
17    library systems for programs of excellence in the following manner:

18    a. An amount of six hundred fifty thousand dollars for public library  
19    systems established pursuant to sections two hundred fifty-five and two  
20    hundred seventy-two of this part and operating under a plan approved by  
21    the commissioner. Funds shall be available to each system in such manner  
22    as to insure that the ratio of the state aid for programs of excellence  
23    shall not exceed the ratio of state aid received by each system under  
24    paragraphs a, c, d, e and o of subdivision one of section two hundred  
25    seventy-three of this part;

26    b. An amount of four hundred fifty thousand dollars for reference and  
27    research library resources systems established pursuant to section two  
28    hundred seventy-two of this part and operating under a plan approved by  
29    the commissioner. Funds shall be available to each system in such manner  
30    as to insure that the ratio of the state aid for programs of excellence  
31    shall not exceed the ratio of state aid received by such system under  
32    paragraph a of subdivision four of section two hundred seventy-three of  
33    this part; and

34    c. An amount of six hundred fifty thousand dollars for school library  
35    systems established pursuant to section two hundred eighty-two of this  
36    part and operating under a plan approved by the commissioner. Funds  
37    shall be available to each system in such manner as to insure that the  
38    ratio of the state aid for programs of excellence shall not exceed the  
39    ratio of state aid received by each system under paragraphs a, b, c and  
40    d of subdivision one of section two hundred eighty-four of this part.

41    3. In the state fiscal year two thousand seventeen--two thousand eigh-  
42    teen and thereafter, the New York state library shall be entitled to  
43    receive each year the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the  
44    establishment and implementation of a statewide program of excellence in  
45    library services for library systems and the member libraries and  
46    districts of such systems. Such statewide services may include, but are  
47    not limited to technical assistance and training for libraries and  
48    library systems, publications, communications and program planning,  
49    implementation and evaluation.

50    § 8. Subdivision 3 of section 99-1 of the state finance law, as added  
51 by chapter 303 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

52    3. Moneys of the fund, following appropriation by the legislature  
53 shall be expended only for the purposes of providing funding for the  
54 statewide summer reading program set forth in subdivision ~~[ten]~~ thirteen  
55 of section two hundred seventy-three of the education law. Moneys shall  
56 be paid out of the fund on the audit and warrant of the state comp-

1 troller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of educa-  
2 tion. Any interest received by the comptroller on moneys on deposit in  
3 the love your library fund shall be retained in and become part of such  
4 fund.

5 § 9. This act shall take effect April 1, 2017; provided that in the  
6 event this act shall have become a law after such date, this act shall  
7 take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force  
8 and effect on and after April 1, 2017, and provided further that for the  
9 purposes of computing the apportionments of calendar year state aid,  
10 grants or other financial assistance to libraries and library systems  
11 for the 2017 calendar year, this act shall take effect immediately and  
12 shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after Janu-  
13 ary 1, 2017.