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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the fund for innovation grants

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

Section 1. Section 3641 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 17 to read as follows:

17. Funds for innovation grants. a. In addition to apportionments otherwise provided pursuant to this article, for aid payable in the two thousand seventeen--two thousand eighteen school year and thereafter, thirty million dollars shall be available and allocated pursuant to paragraphs b and c of this subdivision and shall be paid for programs to create public/private partnerships to develop and implement innovative, technology-based learning strategies to serve high-need pupils and pupils who are at risk of not meeting the New York state learning standards pursuant to regulations of the commissioner, including, but not limited to, the creation of one-to-one laptop pilot programs, the purchase of content-based software and/or support of programs which provide New York state learning standards-aligned educational content, class lessons and related professional development.

b. Any school district located in a city with at least one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants, shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section for the purposes contained in paragraph a of this subdivision. Any school district located within a city with a population of one million or more inhabitants shall be eligible for an amount of up to forty percent of the total amount allocated pursuant to this paragraph. Any city school district of a city having a population of less than one million but in excess of one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants, shall be eligible for an amount equal to the product, rounded to the nearest dollar, of (i) sixty percent of the total amount allocated

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

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pursuant to this paragraph, and (ii) the quotient of the district's base year enrollment on file with the commissioner as of the date upon which an electronic data file was created for the purposes of compliance with paragraph b of subdivision twenty-one of section three hundred five of this chapter on November fifteenth of the base year, divided by the sum of such base year enrollments for all such city school districts. Such grants shall not exceed fifteen million dollars and shall be awarded by the commissioner pursuant to a competitive grant process. The commissioner shall evaluate each grant application on the basis of criteria including but not limited to: the technology needs of the school district, and the ability of the school district to improve academic performance by the use of these technologies.

c. Any school district located outside of a city with at least one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants, shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section for the purposes contained in paragraph a of this subdivision. Such grants shall not exceed fifteen million dollars and shall be awarded by the commissioner pursuant to a competitive grant process. The commissioner shall evaluate each grant application on the basis of criteria including but not limited to, the technology needs of the school district, and the ability of the school district to improve academic performance by the use of these technologies.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.