

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. D'URSO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to enacting the "Long Island public school solar and geothermal act"; and making an appropriation therefor

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Long  
2 Island public school solar and geothermal act".

3 § 2. Section 1854 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a  
4 new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

5 22. a. To make grants from amounts appropriated therefor, in amounts  
6 of two hundred thousand dollars, to fifty public school districts  
7 located within the county of Nassau or the county of Suffolk, to provide  
8 such school districts with funding for the purchase and installation of  
9 photovoltaic solar panels or ground source heat pump systems within such  
10 district. Grants shall be made upon application by such school districts  
11 to the authority in a manner and form to be determined by the authority.  
12 In order to be eligible for a grant for the installation of photovoltaic  
13 solar panels pursuant to this subdivision, such application shall  
14 include a plan proposed by the school district providing for the instal-  
15 lation of photovoltaic solar panels on a minimum of fifty percent of  
16 such school district's suitable roof space on buildings that are eligi-  
17 ble for state building aid. Grants shall be made available for a period  
18 of thirty months from the successful application of a school district.

19 b. No school district that receives a grant pursuant to paragraph a of  
20 this subdivision shall be subject to a reduction in state education aid  
21 due to moneys saved by the school district as a result of lower utility  
22 costs resulting from the purchase and installation of photovoltaic solar  
23 panels or ground source heat pump systems pursuant to paragraph a of  
24 this subdivision.

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

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1     § 3. The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), or so much thereof  
2 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the New York state energy  
3 research and development authority from any moneys in the state treasury  
4 in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account, not  
5 otherwise appropriated, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions  
6 of section two of this act. Such sum shall be payable on the audit and  
7 warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by  
8 the New York state energy research and development authority, or its  
9 duly designated representative in the manner provided by law.  
10    § 4. This act shall take effect April 1, 2020.