

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and  
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing COVID  
related projects for smart school grants

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph a of subdivision 16 of section  
2 3641 of the education law, as added by section 2 of part C of chapter 56  
3 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

4 (4) "Smart schools project" shall mean a capital project as set forth  
5 and defined in subparagraphs five, six, seven ~~[-]~~, eight or eleven of  
6 this paragraph.

7 § 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 16 of section 3641 of the education  
8 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 11 to read as follows:

9 (11) "COVID related project" shall mean a capital project as set forth  
10 and defined in subparagraph five, six, seven or eight of this paragraph  
11 which is developed to address any restriction, directive, executive  
12 order and regulation issued to school districts in regards to safety  
13 precautions for the reopening of schools during the novel coronavirus  
14 (COVID-19) state disaster emergency, as declared pursuant to executive  
15 order number two hundred two. Such projects may include, but are not  
16 limited to, social distancing installations on busses and classrooms,  
17 technical safety equipment such as thermometers and technology to  
18 enhance distance learning within school buildings, other public places  
19 and a student's home.

20 § 3. Paragraph b of subdivision 16 of section 3641 of the education  
21 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 5 to read as follows:

22 (5) For projects identified as "COVID related projects", the smart  
23 schools review board shall expedite the review of the investment plan.  
24 The review board shall issue an approval, rejection or return for  
25 modification any such plans within forty-five days of receiving such  
26 plan. The review board shall review and approve, reject or return for  
27 modification any amendments to the original plan within thirty days of  
28 receiving such amended plan.

29 § 4. 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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