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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO, OTIS, GRIFFIN, STERN, AUBRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the smart schools review board

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 3 of paragraph b of subdivision 16 of section 3641 of the education law, as amended by section 3 of part YYY of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The smart schools review board shall review all smart schools investment plans for compliance with all eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the guidelines. The smart schools review board [~~may~~] **shall meet at minimum once every three months to** approve or reject such plans **that have undergone such review**, or may return such plans to the school district for modifications; provided that notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the smart schools review board shall approve no such plan first submitted to the department on or after April fifteenth, two thousand seventeen, unless such plan calculates the amount of classroom technology to be loaned to students attending nonpublic schools pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-five of this chapter in a manner that includes the amount budgeted by the school district for servers, wireless access points and other portable connectivity devices to be acquired as part of a school connectivity project. **At each such meeting, the smart schools review board shall announce the date for their next meeting.** Upon approval, the smart schools project or projects described in the investment plan shall be eligible for smart schools grants. A smart schools project included in a school district's smart schools investment plan shall not require separate approval of the commissioner unless it is part of a school construction project required to be submitted for approval of the commissioner pursuant to section four hundred eight of this chapter and/or subdivision six of section

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

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thirty-six hundred two of this article. Any department, agency or public authority shall provide the smart schools review board with any information it requires to fulfill its duties pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.