STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to authorize the commissioner of education to design and implement a biennial contest to name an official Empire state children's book

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

Section 1. Empire state children's book project. 1. The commissioner of education, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to design and implement the Empire state children's book project. Such project design shall include, but not be limited to, the following components:

(a) Such commissioner or his or her designee shall develop the criteria for and a process for determining the five books which will be considered official children's book finalists.

(b) Such commissioner or his or her designee shall design a statewide contest in which all elementary school students shall vote, from among the five finalists, for the official Empire state children's book.

(c) Such process for choosing five finalists and such statewide contest shall be conducted by the education department every two years.

2. The official Empire state children's book shall be highlighted as such and made available for display and sale during the period of its biennial reign at all public elementary schools and their libraries, public libraries, state sponsored functions, fairs and events for children, the state museum gift shop, and on the state website. Any and all proceeds collected by the education department in the sale of such official state children's book shall be used to offset the future costs of the Empire state children's book project.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, that the first official children's book shall be chosen on or before the first of October, 2023.

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

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