STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SILLITTI -- 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 4. This act shall take effect April 1, 2022.