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Introduced by M. of A. SIMON, OTIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology -- recommitted to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enabling public libraries to access employment preparation education (EPE) funds to provide adult literacy instruction

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

Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 3602 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph a-2 to read as follows:

a-2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision, the commissioner shall set aside an amount of one million dollars to be awarded through a competitive grant process to public libraries to provide any of the services authorized in this subdivision. However, no less than half the annual appropriation shall be set aside for public libraries serving a population of one million or more. The commissioner shall have the authority to establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this paragraph.

§ 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2025.

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

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