Introduced by Sen. CHU -- (at request of the State Education Department) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Libraries

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to project costs for buildings of public libraries located in economically distressed communities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 273-a of the education law, as amended by chapter 627 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4. In approving any application that would receive state aid beyond seventy-five percent of the total project approved costs, the board of trustees of the library system shall give particular attention to addressing the library service needs of economically distressed communities as provided for in paragraph f of subdivision two of this section.

No more than fifty percent of the total funds appropriated to a library system in subdivision six of this section may be used to support the total costs for projects that would receive state aid beyond seventy-five percent of the total project-approved costs.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 4 of section 273-a of the education law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

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