STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the New York state archives partnership trust act, in relation to authorizing the New York state archives partnership trust fund to be used for the benefit of the New York state museum and the New York state library

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 758 of the laws of 1992, constituting the New York state archives partnership trust act, is amended by adding a new section 9 to read as follows:

§ 9. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the purposes, powers and authorized expenditures of the trust board prescribed in this act may be exercised for the benefit of the New York state museum and the New York state library, in addition to the New York state archives.

2. In addition to the powers of the trust board as prescribed in section five of this act and expenditures authorized by section six of this act, the powers and authorized expenditures of the trust board as they relate to the New York state museum and the New York state library shall include, but not be limited to:

a. the acquisition, preservation, conservation, management, and accessibility of collections, records, objects, artifacts, specimens and other materials of enduring historical, cultural, educational, scientific or governmental value held by, or intended for, the New York state museum or the New York state library;

b. the support of research, exhibitions, interpretive initiatives, educational programming, publications, and public programs related to the collections, holdings, functions, and statutory missions of the New York state museum and the New York state library; and

c. the acceptance, administration, investment and expenditure of gifts, grants, donations, bequests and other assistance, including those designated for specific purposes or projects.

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

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3. The director of the New York state museum and the New York state librarian may, in collaboration with the director of the archives partnership trust and subject to the approval of the trust board, and pursuant to a written agreement between the New York state archives partnership trust and such entities, carry out in their official capacities and consistent with the provisions of this act, activities necessary to fulfill the purposes of the New York state archives partnership trust fund as they relate to the New York state museum and the New York state library, including but not limited to fundraising and program development.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, diminish or transfer the statutory authority, governance or operational control of the New York state museum or the New York state library, or the authority of the board of regents or the commissioner of education, including, but not limited to, authority over personnel, appointments, and employment decisions, which shall remain with such entities.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.