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Introduced by Sen. BYNOE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Libraries -- recommitted to the Committee on Libraries in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the libraries literacy education guidance act

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "libraries
2 literacy education guidance act".

3 § 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 286 to read
4 as follows:

5 § 286. Libraries literacy education guidance. 1. One year after the
6 effective date of this section, the state librarian, in consultation
7 with the commissioner and any other group deemed necessary, shall
8 provide guidance on evidence-based practices for literacy education,
9 focusing on reading competency in the areas of phonemic awareness, phon-
10 ics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, comprehension, including
11 background knowledge, oral language and writing, and oral skill develop-
12 ment, for students in pre-kindergarten through grade three based on the
13 instructional best practices established by the commissioner, pursuant
14 to section eight hundred eighteen of this chapter. Such guidance shall
15 be distributed to every public library and association library in New
16 York state.

17 2. Such guidance may include but not be limited to texts, education
18 technology, professional education, and public informational materials.

19 3. The state librarian shall update such guidance every two years and
20 shall consider feedback from the public libraries and association
21 libraries to which the guidance is distributed.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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