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2013 NYLA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

BUDGET PRIORITY

Library Aid Restoration to \$102M

Provide desperately needed funding to maintain NYS's critical information infrastructure.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Maintenance of Effort Waivers

S.2857 Farley / A.5332 Kellner

Allow libraries to apply for a maintenance of effort waiver for a duration to be determined by the NYS Commissioner of Education.

Status: referred to Senate Education Committee 1/24/13, reported and committed to Senate Finance 5/30/13; referred to Assembly Libraries Committee 2/22/13, reported and committed to Assembly Ways and Means 4/23/13

Library Card Info Distributed to Students

S.2018 Farley / A.3560 Nolan

Require school districts to disseminate informational materials about applications for public library cards to students, when such materials are provided by the public library.

Status: referred to Senate Education Committee 1/9/13, reported and committed to Senate Finance 5/30/13; reported referred to Assembly Ways and Means 4/23/13, advanced to third reading cal.462 5/31/13

Taxpayer Access to Publicly-Funded Research

S.5040 Robach / A.180 Hevesi

Require publicly-funded research that has been submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals to be made available online by the state agencies that underwrite such research.

Status: referred to Senate Finance 3/6/13; referred to Assembly Governmental Operations Committee 1/9/13

TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Digital Literacy

S.2855 Farley / A.5333 Kellner

Substitute language in Education Law, allowing school librarians to offer instruction in grades k-12 on "digital literacy", as opposed to the dated and limited term "internet safety". Digital literacy entails the skills needed to use technology, the internet and information in the 21st century.

Status: scheduled for Senate Floor 6/3/13, referred to Assembly Education Committee 2/22/13

Consolidating of Conservation / Preservation Aid Program

S.2856 Farley / A.4664 Kellner

Restructure this program to better align with its intent and reduce redundant documentation.

Status: amended and recommitted to Senate Finance 5/31/13; amended and recommitted to Assembly Ways and Means 5/30/13