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An act to amend the education law, in relation to state aid eligibility for library construction, and to streamline and modernize certain library aid formulas and program requirements

The New York Library Association (NYLA) supports the above referenced legislation.

The distribution of state funding for New York State's public libraries and library systems is governed by complicated formulas contained in the Education Law. These laws, while necessary, are antiquated and no longer reflect the way library and information services are delivered in our State.

The technical amendments made within this bill include:

- Extending the time period for library construction projects to be completed
 - Addressed short-term during the coronavirus pandemic but requires a permanent solution and;
- Modernizing the library system aid formula
 - Will provide greater flexibility and ease program administration and reporting requirements

These changes have been sought after by the library community for years and will benefit each library type including public, school and, multi-type systems.

For these reasons, NYLA supports the above references legislation and urges for its immediate enactment.

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