



### **Municipal Ballot Petition Reduction**

*S3594 (Harckham)/A5266 (Levenberg)*

This bill would align the petition signature requirement for libraries using a municipal ballot approach with the 25-signature requirement in place for libraries using a school district ballot approach for their budget proposals.

### **Elimination of Library Construction Cap**

*S7093 (Chu)*

Libraries serving economically distressed communities may be eligible for Library Construction Aid awards beyond 75.00%. However, the law currently only allows public library systems to award 50% of their total allocation to such projects.

This proposal would eliminate the 50% cap to ensure that libraries serving economically distressed communities and libraries in rural regions will be able to make use of the library construction aid intended to benefit these communities.

### **Book Fair Tax Exemption**

*S5955 (Chu) / A5538A (Rivera)*

This bill would make books, magazines, pamphlets and other items sold at both school sponsored book fairs & events hosted by friends of libraries groups exempt from sales tax.

### **Association Library Retirement Opt-In Option**

*S4245 (Palumbo) / A4885 (Thiele)*

This bill would allow association libraries that meet certain criteria the ability to join the New York State Retirement System upon approval of their board.

### **Access to Publicly Funded Research**

*S6562 (Chu)*

This bill would ensure original research that is the result of state funding would be available, free of charge, to the public.

### **Check Out New York**

*S5956 (Chu) / A4112 (Jensen)*

This bill would provide one-pass per public library to every state park, historic site, and recreational facility operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

### **Modernization of Civil Service**

Working with the Civil Service Committee, legislative partners and allies at external organizations, we are seeking amendments to processes and protocols within Civil Service for the field of librarianship.

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### **Media Literacy Professional Development**

*A32 (Rosenthal)*

This bill would require teachers and certified school librarians to receive professional development related to media literacy.

The tiered training, 5 hours for teachers and 15 hours for librarians, would be deducted from the required 100 hours required by education law.

### **Library Media Specialist Requirement**

*A40 (Rosenthal)*

If enacted this bill would require, based on student population and other specified criteria, that school have access to a library media specialist.

### **Media Literacy Advisory Group**

*A35 (Rosenthal)*

If enacted, this bill would direct the Commissioner of Education to appoint a Media Literacy Advisory Committee to study the teaching of media literacy across New York State. The assembled group would include staff from school library systems, school libraries and individuals from high education institutions that offer information studies programs.

### **Media Literacy Standards**

*A1695 (Rosenthal)*

If enacted, this legislation would direct the State Education Department to develop a set of media literacy standards and ensure media literacy education is being provided to students across New York State.

Such standards will ensure that all students, grades K-12, are receiving broad media literacy education that is inclusive of the use of technology and social media, responsible online behavior, proper use of online resources for research, curating a positive digital footprint, internet safety, civility and more.

### **School Library Facility Modernization**

*S6744 (Chu) / A3174 (Jensen)*

The current regulation that defines a school library facility has not been updated in over twenty years. This proposal would address the antiquated metrics within NY-CRR 91.1 and insert characteristics associated with a successful, 21st century school library

