



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
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TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 3736-A, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to establishing the academic research information access act.”

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require the Department of Economic Development (“DED”) to act on behalf of colleges and universities in New York State to coordinate the purchase of access to certain academic research journals and other materials.

As the sponsors note, access to current research materials is an important component in the success of the State’s higher education system. Access to such materials in a more affordable manner would certainly benefit the State’s colleges and universities.

Unfortunately, this bill would require DED to divert staffing and other institutional resources from its other economic and business development efforts. DED’s mission is to support economic development in the State, and although this program could indirectly benefit economic development in the State, it does not have an economic development focus. In addition, the Division of the Budget has estimated DED’s costs of administering this program at \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year. While the bill would allow DED to be compensated from funds appropriated for the bill’s implementation or as part of any contract negotiation, there is no appropriation in the bill.

Colleges and universities engage in these activities on their own without State agency involvement. I would encourage State institutions of higher learning to collaborate to develop a collective purchasing partnership of public and private universities and colleges throughout the State.

The bill is disapproved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cuomo".