



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

V E T O # 171

TO THE SENATE:

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

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Senate Bill Number 7239, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to state aid to libraries and library systems”

NOT APPROVED

While it is laudable to incentivize mergers by library systems, this bill includes a harmless clause that would let merged library systems receive the same amount of State aid that each individual library received in the year immediately preceding the merger regardless of the availability of funds. If library systems merge, costs should decrease, thereby making the merged systems less expensive to operate. This bill however, would maintain the level of funding for the merged systems at pre-merger levels despite such efficiencies. For this reason, I must disapprove this bill.

The bill is disapproved.