

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2015

CHAPTER 480

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to state aid for library construction and infrastructure services

Became a law November 20, 2015, with the approval of the Governor.  
Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 273-a of the education law, as amended by chapter 498 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

1. State aid shall be provided for up to fifty percent of the total project approved costs, excluding feasibility studies, plans or similar activities, for projects for the **installation and infrastructure of broadband services, and for the** acquisition of vacant land and the acquisition, construction, renovation or rehabilitation, including leasehold improvements, of buildings of public libraries and library systems chartered by the regents of the state of New York or established by act of the legislature subject to the limitations provided in subdivision five of this section and upon approval by the commissioner, except that state aid may be provided for up to seventy-five percent of the total project approved costs for buildings of public libraries that are located in an economically disadvantaged community. Provided however that the state liability for aid paid pursuant to this section shall be limited to funds appropriated for such purpose. Aid shall be provided on approved expenses incurred during the period commencing July first and ending June thirtieth for up to three years, or until the project is completed, whichever occurs first. Fifty percent of such aid shall be payable to each system or library upon approval of the application by the department. Forty percent of such aid shall be payable in the next state fiscal year. The remaining ten percent shall be payable upon project completion.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 273-a of the education law, as amended by section 4 of part A of chapter 57 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

1. State aid shall be provided for up to fifty percent of the total project approved costs, excluding feasibility studies, plans or similar activities, for projects for the **installation and infrastructure of broadband services, and for the** acquisition, construction, renovation or rehabilitation, including leasehold improvements, of buildings of public libraries and library systems chartered by the regents of the state of New York or established by act of the legislature subject to the limitations provided in subdivision four of this section and upon approval by the commissioner. Provided however that the state liability for aid paid pursuant to this section shall be limited to funds appropriated for such purpose. Aid shall be provided on approved expenses incurred during the period commencing July first and ending June thirtieth for up to three years, or until the project is completed, whichever occurs first. Fifty

EXPLANATION--Matter in **italics** is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 273-a of the education law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such section pursuant to chapter 498 of the laws of 2011, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK **ss:**

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

JOHN J. FLANAGAN  
**Temporary President of the Senate**

CARL E. HEASTIE  
**Speaker of the Assembly**