

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/SB 726 — Library Cooperative Grants

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Rodriguez

The bill removes the cap of \$400,000 for the annual grant to any of Florida's five regional library cooperatives. Grants provided through the Division of Library and Information Services within the Department of State (department) are appropriated by the Legislature, and are used for the purpose of sharing library resources.

In recent years, the Legislature has appropriated \$2 million annually for library cooperative grants, and each cooperative received the maximum \$400,000 grant. If the bill becomes law, and if the Legislature appropriates more than \$2 million, the department will be able to allocate amounts over the current \$400,000 threshold.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0