

By Representatives Garcia, Arza and Diaz de la Portilla

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public libraries; amending
3 s. 257.17, F.S.; eliminating the July 1, 2001,
4 repeal of provision authorizing certain
5 municipalities to receive operating grants for
6 libraries; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 257.17, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 257.17 Operating grants.--A political subdivision that
13 has been designated by a county as the single library
14 administrative unit is eligible to receive from the state an
15 annual operating grant of not more than 25 percent of all
16 local funds expended by that political subdivision during the
17 second preceding fiscal year for the operation and maintenance
18 of a library, under the following conditions:

19 (4)~~(a)~~ A municipality with a population of 200,000 or
20 more that establishes or maintains a library is eligible to
21 receive from the state an annual operating grant of not more
22 than 25 percent of all local funds expended by that
23 municipality during the second preceding fiscal year for the
24 operation and maintenance of a library, under the following
25 conditions:

26 (a)1- The municipal library is operated under a single
27 administrative head and expends its funds centrally;

28 (b)2- The municipal library has an operating budget of
29 at least \$20,000 per year from local sources; and

30 (c)3- The municipal library provides free library
31 service to all residents of the municipality.

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~~(b) This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2001.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Eliminates the July 1, 2001, repeal of the provision authorizing certain municipalities to receive operating grants for public libraries.