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Representative Garcia offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 114 and 115, insert:

Section 3. Section 257.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(1) Eligible political subdivisions include:

(a) A county that establishes or maintains a library or that gives or receives free library service by contract with a

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27 municipality or nonprofit library corporation or association
28 within such county;

29 (b) A county that joins with one or more counties to
30 establish or maintain a library or contracts with another
31 county, a special district, a special tax district, or one or
32 more municipalities in another county to receive free library
33 service;

34 (c) A special district or special tax district that
35 establishes or maintains a library and provides free library
36 service; or

37 (d) A municipality ~~with a population of 200,000 or more~~
38 that establishes or maintains a library or that and gives or
39 receives free library service by contract with a nonprofit
40 library corporation or association within the municipality.

41 (2) The library established or maintained by such
42 political subdivision shall:

43 (a) Be operated under a single administrative head who is
44 an employee of the single library administrative unit and who
45 has completed a library education program accredited by the
46 American Library Association. The single administrative head
47 shall have at least 2 years of full-time paid professional
48 experience, after completing the library education program, in a
49 public library that is open to the public for a minimum of 40
50 hours per week. and

51 (b) Expend its funds centrally.;

52 ~~(b) Have an operating budget of at least \$20,000 per year~~
53 ~~from local sources; and~~

54 (c) Provide reciprocal borrowing, and other library
55 services pursuant to interlocal agreement, Give free library

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56 ~~service to all residents of all political subdivisions within~~
57 ~~the county which receive operating grants from the state of the~~
58 ~~county or residents of the special district or special tax~~
59 ~~district.~~

60 (d) Have at least one library or branch library open for
61 40 or more hours per week.

62 (e) Have a long-range plan, an annual plan of service, and
63 an annual budget.

64 (f) Engage in joint planning for coordination of library
65 services within the county or counties that receive operating
66 grants from the state.

67 (3) Any political subdivision establishing public library
68 service for the first time shall submit a certified copy of its
69 appropriation for library service, and its eligibility to
70 receive an operating grant shall be based upon such
71 appropriation.

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

78 ~~1. The municipal library is operated under a single~~
79 ~~administrative head and expends its funds centrally;~~

80 ~~2. The municipal library has an operating budget of at~~
81 ~~least \$20,000 per year from local sources; and~~

82 ~~3. The municipal library provides free library service to~~
83 ~~all residents of the municipality.~~

84 ~~(b) This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2002.~~

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85 Section 4. Section 257.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to
86 read:

87 257.22 Division of Library and Information Services;
88 allocation of funds.--Any moneys that may be appropriated for
89 use by a county, a municipality, a special district, or a
90 special tax district for the maintenance of a library or library
91 service shall be administered and allocated by the Division of
92 Library and Information Services in the manner prescribed by
93 law. On or before December 1 of each year, the division shall
94 certify to the Comptroller the amount to be paid to each county,
95 municipality, special district, or special tax district, and the
96 Comptroller shall issue warrants to the eligible political
97 subdivisions ~~respective boards of county commissioners or chief~~
98 ~~municipal executive authorities for the amount so allocated.~~

99 Section 5. Section 257.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to
100 read:

101 257.23 Application for grant.--
102 ~~(1)~~ The board of county commissioners of any county, the
103 chief executive officer of a municipality, or the governing body
104 of a special district or a special tax district desiring to
105 receive a grant under the provisions of ss. 257.14-257.25 shall
106 apply therefor to the Division of Library and Information
107 Services on or before October 1 of each year on a form to be
108 provided by the division. ~~In~~ The application, ~~which~~ shall be
109 signed by the chair of the board of county commissioners and
110 attested by the clerk of the circuit court or the appropriate
111 officer in a charter county, by the chief executive officer of a
112 municipality and attested by the clerk of the municipality, or
113 by the chair of the governing body and attested by the chief

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114 financial officer of a special district or a special tax
 115 district. The county, municipality, special district, or special
 116 tax district ~~the board of county commissioners~~ shall agree to
 117 observe the standards established by the division as authorized
 118 in s. 257.15. On or before December 1 each year, the applicant
 119 shall certify the annual tax income and the rate of tax or the
 120 annual appropriation for the free library or free library
 121 service, and shall furnish such other pertinent information as
 122 the division may require.

123 ~~(2) The chief municipal executive authority of any~~
 124 ~~municipality desiring to receive a grant under the provisions of~~
 125 ~~ss. 257.14-257.25 shall apply therefor to the Division of~~
 126 ~~Library and Information Services on or before October 1 of each~~
 127 ~~year on a form to be provided by the division. In the~~
 128 ~~application, which shall be signed by the chief municipal~~
 129 ~~executive officer and attested by the clerk of the circuit~~
 130 ~~court, the chief municipal executive authority shall agree to~~
 131 ~~observe the standards established by the division as authorized~~
 132 ~~in s. 257.15, shall certify the annual tax income and the rate~~
 133 ~~of tax or the annual appropriation for the free library, and~~
 134 ~~shall furnish such other pertinent information as the division~~
 135 ~~may require.~~

136 Section 6. Section 257.19, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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 138 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

139 Remove line(s) 16, and insert:
 140 amending s. 257.17, F.S.; authorizing municipalities to
 141 receive operating grants; establishing minimum standards
 142 for receipt of funds; removing minimum population

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143 requirement for municipalities to be eligible to receive
144 funds; amending s. 257.22, F.S.; permitting eligible
145 political subdivisions to receive warrants; amending s.
146 257.23, F.S.; requiring certification of annual tax income
147 by a specified date; clarifying authority with regard to
148 applications for grants; repealing s. 257.19, F.S.,
149 relating to library construction grants; providing for
150 severability; providing an effective date.