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CHAMBER ACTION

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The Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to libraries; creating s. 257.193, F.S.; establishing Community Libraries In Caring grants to assist libraries in specified rural communities; providing criteria for eligibility; providing for administration by the Division of Library and Information Services; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 257.193, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

257.193 Community Libraries In Caring grants.--The purpose of a Community Libraries In Caring grant is to assist libraries in rural communities, as defined in ss. 288.0656(2)(b) and 288.06561, to strengthen their collections and services, improve literacy in the community, and improve the economic viability of the community. A library may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000.



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29 In order to be eligible for a grant, a library must show local  
30 or other support which shall include cash, in-kind, or other  
31 forms of assistance. The Division of Library and Information  
32 Services of the Department of State shall administer the grant,  
33 develop rules that establish the application procedures and  
34 criteria for the review of grant applications and grant awards,  
35 and facilitate the exchange of ideas and services to foster the  
36 purposes of the grant.

37 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Revenue  
38 Fund to the Department of State the sum of \$100,000 for the  
39 purpose of funding rural communities, as defined in ss.  
40 288.0656(2)(b) and 288.06561, Florida Statutes, for the cost of  
41 implementing the Community Libraries In Caring grant, created by  
42 s. 257.193, Florida Statutes.

43 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.