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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Appropriations 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 the Community Libraries in Caring Program to
 assist libraries in certain rural communities; providing
 for administration by the Division of Library and
 Information Services within the Department of State;
 providing for rulemaking; 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 program.--

(1) There is created within the Department of State a
 Community Libraries in Caring program.

(2) The purpose of the Community Libraries in Caring
 program is to assist libraries in rural communities, as defined
 in s. 288.0656(2)(b) and subject to the provisions of s.
 288.06561, to strengthen their collections and services, improve



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29 literacy in their communities, and improve the economic
30 viability of their communities.

31 (3) A library under this program is encouraged to
32 demonstrate local or other support for its services, including,
33 but not limited to, monetary contributions, in-kind
34 contributions, or other forms of assistance.

35 (4) Subject to legislative appropriation, the Division of
36 Library and Information Services within the Department of State
37 shall administer the program, which shall facilitate the
38 exchange of ideas and services between libraries in rural
39 communities and communities in other parts of the state.

40 (5) The Department of State may adopt rules necessary to
41 administer this section.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.