

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative Bean offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Remove line(s) 112-127, and insert:

Section 2. Section 257.191, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

257.191 Public library construction grants.--

(1) The Division of Library and Information Services may accept and administer library construction moneys appropriated to it and shall allocate such appropriation to municipal, county, and regional libraries in the form of public library construction grants on a matching basis. The local matching portion shall be no less than the grant amount, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to the maximum grant amount 50 percent. The division shall waive the matching requirement if a county or municipality requests a waiver of the matching requirement and has been designated a rural community in accordance with ss.

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28 288.0656(2)(b) and 288.06561. Initiation of a library
29 construction project 12 months or less prior to the grant award
30 under this section shall not affect the eligibility of an
31 applicant to receive a public library construction grant.

32 (2)(a) The Division of Library and Information Services
33 may accept and administer moneys appropriated to it for small
34 county public library construction grants. The purpose of the
35 grants is to assist counties and municipalities that have been
36 designated rural communities in accordance with ss.
37 288.0656(2)(b) and 288.06561 to construct, expand, or renovate
38 public library facilities to meet the requirement of 0.6 square
39 feet per capita of total library floor space.

40 (b) To be eligible to compete for funds under this
41 section, a county or municipality shall:

42 1. Comply with the definition of rural community as
43 provided in s. 288.0656(2)(b).

44 2. Have less than 0.6 square feet per capita of total
45 library floor space.

46 3. Certify that the county or municipality will
47 appropriate and expend sufficient funds to operate the completed
48 library facility.

49 4. Not apply for a grant under the public library
50 construction grant program provided in subsection (1) during the
51 same fiscal year.

52 (c) The implementation of the provisions of the small
53 county public library construction grants under this subsection
54 shall be contingent upon specific appropriations provided to the
55 Department of State for funding of these grants.

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56 (3) The division shall adopt rules for the administration
57 of library construction grants. For the purposes of this
58 section, s. 257.21 does not apply.

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Remove line(s) 7 and 8, and insert:

s. 257.191, F.S.; revising provisions relating to public library
construction grants; providing for waiver of local matching
requirement under certain circumstances; authorizing the
Division of Library and Information Services to administer
certain funds; providing for eligibility for grant funding;
providing for the adoption of rules; providing for effect
contingent upon certain appropriations; amending s. 257.261,
F.S.; revising