

By Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to libraries; creating s.
3 257.193, F.S.; providing a program of grant
4 assistance to libraries in rural communities;
5 requiring the Division of Library and
6 Information Services of the Department of State
7 to administer the grant program; providing an
8 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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

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15 257.193 Community Libraries In Caring Grant
16 Program.--The purpose of the Community Libraries In Caring
17 Grant Program is to assist libraries in rural communities, as
18 defined in s. 288.0656(2)(b), to strengthen their collections
19 and services, and to improve literacy and the economic
20 viability of the communities.

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22 (1) A library may apply for a grant of a maximum of
23 \$10,000. In order to be eligible for a grant, a library must
24 show local or other support that includes cash, in-kind
25 contributions, or other forms of assistance.

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27 (2) The Division of Library and Information Services
28 of the Department of State shall administer the grant program,
29 adopt rules establishing the application procedures and
30 criteria for review and grant awards, and facilitate the
31 exchange of ideas and services to foster the purposes of the
32 grant program.

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34 Section 2. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from
35 the General Revenue Fund to the Division of Library and

1 Information Services of the Department of State for the
2 purposes of funding the Community Libraries In Caring Grant
3 Program and other administrative expenses necessary to carry
4 out the provisions of this act during the 2003-2004 fiscal
5 year.

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

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9 SENATE SUMMARY

10 Establishes the Community Libraries in Caring Grant
11 Program and appropriates funds to provide grant
12 assistance to libraries in rural communities.
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