

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senators Fasano and Argenziano

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

(3) A library under this program is encouraged to
demonstrate local or other support for its services, including
monetary contributions, in-kind contributions, or other forms
of assistance.

(4) Subject to legislative appropriation, the Division
of Library and Information Services within the Department of
State shall administer the program, which shall facilitate the

1 exchange of ideas and services between libraries in rural
2 communities and communities in other parts of the state.

3 (5) The Department of State may adopt rules to
4 administer this section.

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

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7 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
9 Senate Bill 726

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11 1. Eliminates from the bill the \$100,000 appropriation for
12 the Community Libraries in Caring Program.
13 2. Changes the Community Libraries in Caring Program from a
14 specific grant program to one that facilitates the
15 exchange of ideas and services between libraries in rural
16 communities.
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