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2 An act relating to libraries; creating s.
3 257.193, F.S.; establishing the Community
4 Libraries in Caring Program to assist libraries
5 in certain rural communities; providing for
6 administration by the Division of Library and
7 Information Services within the Department of
8 State; providing for rulemaking; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 257.193, Florida Statutes, is
14 created to read:15 257.193 Community Libraries in Caring Program.--16 (1) There is created within the Department of State a
17 Community Libraries in Caring Program.18 (2) The purpose of the Community Libraries in Caring
19 Program is to assist libraries in rural communities, as
20 defined in s. 288.0656(2)(b) and subject to the provisions of
21 s. 288.06561, to strengthen their collections and services,
22 improve literacy in their communities, and improve the
23 economic viability of their communities.24 (3) A library under this program is encouraged to
25 demonstrate local or other support for its services, including
26 monetary contributions, in-kind contributions, or other forms
27 of assistance.28 (4) Subject to legislative appropriation, the Division
29 of Library and Information Services within the Department of
30 State shall administer the program, which shall facilitate the

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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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