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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to regional cultural facilities; amending s. 265.702, F.S.; specifying primary considerations for the award of a grant of state funds to a county, municipality, or qualifying nonprofit corporation for the acquisition, renovation, or construction of a regional cultural facility; revising the time period during which a specified total amount of grants may be awarded to a regional cultural facility; providing for adjustment of the total cost of a regional cultural facility project within specified limits; providing for the use of grant funds if commencement of a project occurs prior to the award of such funds; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 265.702, Florida Statutes, is amended, subsection (8) is renumbered as subsection (9), and a new subsection (8) is added to said section, to read:

265.702 Regional cultural facilities; grants for acquisition, renovation, or construction; funding; approval; allocation.--

(7) The two primary considerations for the award of a grant are the quality of the entire project being proposed and the reliability of the prospects of achieving the match required by subsection (3). The annual amount of a grant made under this section may not exceed the lesser of \$2.5 million or 10 percent of the total costs of the regional cultural facility. The total amount of the grants awarded to a regional cultural facility in

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30 a 10-year ~~5-year~~ period may not exceed the lesser of \$10 million  
31 or 10 percent of the total costs of a regional cultural  
32 facility. The total cost of a regional cultural facility must be  
33 calculated with respect to the primary scope of the original  
34 proposal as submitted under this section. However, because it is  
35 recognized that major projects as contemplated by this section  
36 often require changes in scope to reflect unexpected costs, the  
37 incorporation of alternatives elected for reasons of aesthetics  
38 or cost, or modifications of design, the total cost of a  
39 regional cultural facility project may be adjusted by additions  
40 to or modifications of the project as originally proposed so  
41 long as the cost of such additions or modifications does not  
42 exceed 25 percent of the total cost as originally proposed and  
43 does not change the basic nature of the proposed project and may  
44 not include the cost of any additions that change the scope of  
45 the regional cultural facility, such as additional facilities or  
46 significant design alterations.

47 (8) State funds granted under this section for a project  
48 commenced prior to the award of such funds may be used to repay  
49 the county, municipality, or qualified corporation for project  
50 construction costs incurred from the commencement of the project  
51 to the time at which funds are made available in accordance with  
52 rules adopted by the Division of Cultural Affairs of the  
53 Department of State.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.