

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Commerce recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to public libraries; amending s. 257.191,
7 F.S.; revising provisions relating to public library
8 construction grants; authorizing the Division of Library
9 and Information Services to accept and administer certain
10 funds for purposes of certain grants; providing for
11 eligibility for grant funding; providing for the adoption
12 of rules; providing for effect contingent upon certain
13 appropriations; limiting grants in the same fiscal year;
14 providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Section 257.191, Florida Statutes, is amended
19 to read:

20 257.191 Public library construction grants.--

21 (1) The Division of Library and Information Services may
22 accept and administer library construction moneys appropriated
23 to it and shall allocate such appropriation to municipal,

24 county, and regional libraries in the form of public library
 25 construction grants on a matching basis. The local matching
 26 portion shall be no less than the grant amount, on a dollar-for-
 27 dollar basis, up to the maximum grant amount, unless the
 28 matching requirement is waived by s. 288.06561. Initiation of a
 29 library construction project 12 months or less prior to the
 30 grant award under this section shall not affect the eligibility
 31 of an 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 subsection, 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 if a grant has been awarded under the public
 50 library construction grant program provided in subsection (1)
 51 for the same fiscal year.

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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.

56 (3) A public library shall not receive grant funding from
57 the public library construction grant program provided in
58 subsection (1) and the small county public library construction
59 grant program provided in subsection (2) during the same fiscal
60 year.

61 (4) The division shall adopt rules for the administration
62 of public library construction grants. For the purposes of this
63 section, s. 257.21 does not apply.

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