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The Committee on Governmental Operations (Posey) recommended  
the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 257.172,  
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

257.172 Multicounty library grants.--

(1) The administrative unit of a multicounty library  
that serves a population of 50,000 or more and serves two, or  
~~has three~~ or more counties, at least one of which qualifies  
for an equalization grant, is eligible for an annual grant  
from the state. The grant funds are to be used for the support  
and extension of library service in participating counties.  
The grant must be computed by the division on a state matching  
basis up to \$1 million in local expenditures by all  
participating counties for operation and maintenance of a  
library during the second preceding year. The administrative  
unit of a multicounty library with:

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1 (a) Two participating counties is eligible for a grant  
2 equal to 5 cents on each local dollar of expenditure.

3 (b) Three participating counties is eligible for a  
4 grant equal to 10 cents on each local dollar of expenditure.

5 (c) Four participating counties is eligible for a  
6 grant equal to 15 cents on each local dollar of expenditure.

7 (d) Five participating counties is eligible for a  
8 grant equal to 20 cents on each local dollar of expenditure.

9 (e) Six or more participating counties is eligible for  
10 a grant equal to 25 cents on each local dollar of expenditure.

11 (2) In addition, to support multicounty library  
12 service, the administrative unit of a multicounty library  
13 with:

14 (a) Two participating counties is eligible to receive  
15 a base grant of \$50,000, effective July 1, 2007.

16 (b) Three or more participating counties is eligible  
17 to receive a base grant of a minimum of \$250,000. Such amount  
18 shall be increased to \$350,000 when the appropriation from  
19 state funds for operating, multicounty, and equalization  
20 grants is at least 3 percent more than the appropriation from  
21 state funds for those grants for fiscal year 2006-2007 to  
22 support multicounty library service. That amount may be  
23 adjusted by the division based on the percentage change in the  
24 state and local government price deflator for purchases of  
25 goods and services, all items, 1983 equals 100, or successor  
26 reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported  
27 by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the United States  
28 Department of Commerce, as certified by the Florida Consensus  
29 Estimating Conference.

30 Section 2. Section 257.18, Florida Statutes, is  
31 amended to read:

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1           257.18 Equalization grants.--

2           (1) Any county qualifying for an operating grant is  
3 eligible to receive an equalization grant if it meets the  
4 following criteria:

5           (a) The county was eligible for an equalization grant  
6 in fiscal year 2006-2007.

7           (b) ~~When~~ The value of 1 mill adjusted to reflect the  
8 average statewide level of assessment is below the median  
9 amount for all counties in the state ~~and the per capita local~~  
10 ~~funds expended for library support during the second preceding~~  
11 ~~year is below the average for all counties.~~

12           (c) The county operating millage subject to the  
13 10-mill cap is equal to or above the average for all counties.  
14 If the county does not meet this millage requirement, the per  
15 capita income for the county must be equal to or below the  
16 average for all counties.

17           (d) The county has been eligible for an equalization  
18 grant each fiscal year since fiscal year 2006-2007.

19           (2) If a county fails to meet the eligibility criteria  
20 for an equalization grant in any one year, the county shall be  
21 notified that its equalization grant funding will be phased  
22 out over a 3-year period as follows:

23           (a) In the first year, the county shall receive the  
24 grant amount for which it qualified the previous year.

25           (b) In the second year, the county shall receive  
26 two-thirds of the grant amount it received under paragraph  
27 (a).

28           (c) In the third year, the county shall receive  
29 one-third of the grant amount it received under paragraph (a).

30           (d) In subsequent years, the county shall not be  
31 eligible to receive an equalization grant.

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1       (3) An equalization grant to an eligible county is  
2 calculated in the following manner:

3           (a) The equalization factor is computed by subtracting  
4 the value of 1 mill adjusted to reflect the average statewide  
5 level of assessment for each county from the average adjusted  
6 value of 1 mill for all counties and then dividing that amount  
7 by the average adjusted value of 1 mill for all counties.

8           (b) An equalization grant is computed by multiplying  
9 the equalization factor times the total local funds expended  
10 for library support by that county during the second preceding  
11 year and adding that amount to the actual total local funds  
12 expended for library support by that county during the second  
13 preceding year. The result is the adjusted value for the local  
14 funds expended for library service. The amount of the  
15 equalization grant is equal to 25 cents of the adjusted value  
16 of local funds expended for library service.

17           (c)~~(2)~~ When the adjusted mill equivalent of actual  
18 local funds expended for library support by the county during  
19 the second preceding year is above the statewide average  
20 adjusted mill equivalent of actual local funds expended by all  
21 counties receiving operating grants, the amount of the  
22 equalization grant is equal to 50 cents of the adjusted value  
23 of local funds expended for library service.

24           (4) A county may not receive an equalization grant  
25 that is equal to more than 10 percent of the total amount  
26 required to fund equalization grants to all eligible counties.

27           (5)~~(3)~~ The Division of Library and Information  
28 Services shall calculate equalization grants based on the  
29 amount of local funds expended for library service the second  
30 preceding year as certified by the appropriate county  
31 officials and information on the level of assessment of

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1 property in each county, ~~and~~ the taxable value of property in  
 2 each county, the county operating millage subject to the  
 3 10-mill cap, and the per capita income as reported by the  
 4 state agency authorized by law, ~~which shall certify the~~  
 5 ~~results of such determination to the division.~~

6 ~~(6)(4) For the purposes of this section, s. 257.21~~  
 7 ~~does not apply~~ Equalization grants shall not exceed 15 percent  
 8 of the amount appropriated for operating, multicounty, and  
 9 equalization grants, or \$8,877,057, whichever is greater. If  
 10 the total appropriation for operating, multicounty, and  
 11 equalization grants is less than \$31,999,233, s. 257.21  
 12 applies.

13 Section 3. Section 257.22, Florida Statutes, is  
 14 amended to read:

15 257.22 Division of Library and Information Services;  
 16 allocation of funds.--Any moneys that may be appropriated for  
 17 use by a county, a municipality, a special district, or a  
 18 special tax district for the maintenance of a library or  
 19 library service shall be administered and allocated by the  
 20 Division of Library and Information Services in the manner  
 21 prescribed by law. On or before December 1 of each year, the  
 22 division shall certify to the Chief Financial Officer the  
 23 amount to be paid to each county, municipality, special  
 24 district, or special tax district, ~~and the Chief Financial~~  
 25 ~~Officer shall issue warrants to the eligible political~~  
 26 ~~subdivisions.~~

27 Section 4. Section 257.42, Florida Statutes, is  
 28 amended to read:

29 257.42 Library cooperative grants.--The administrative  
 30 unit of a library cooperative is eligible to receive an annual  
 31 grant from the state ~~of not more than \$400,000~~ for the purpose

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1 of sharing library resources based upon an annual plan of  
 2 service and expenditure and an annually updated 5-year,  
 3 long-range plan of cooperative library resource sharing.  
 4 Those plans, which must include a component describing how the  
 5 cooperative will share ~~technology~~ and ~~the use of~~ technology,  
 6 must be submitted to the Division of Library and Information  
 7 Services of the Department of State for evaluation and  
 8 possible recommendation for funding in the division's  
 9 legislative budget request. Grant funds may not be used to  
 10 supplant local funds or other funds. A library cooperative  
 11 must provide from local sources matching cash funds equal to  
 12 10 percent of the grant award.

13 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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20 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to state aid to public

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libraries; amending s. 257.172, F.S.; revising

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grant eligibility criteria for multicounty

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libraries; revising determination for and

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amount of base grants; amending s. 257.18,

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F.S.; revising eligibility criteria,

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calculation, and determination for equalization

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grants; limiting grants and grant amounts under

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specified conditions; amending s. 257.22, F.S.;

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removing a requirement for issuance of warrants

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1           to political subdivisions eligible for certain  
2           funding; amending s. 257.42, F.S.; removing a  
3           limit on the amount of a library cooperative  
4           grant; providing an effective date.  
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