

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to library innovation; establishing
 3 the Florida Innovative Libraries Grant; providing
 4 minimum criteria for grant eligibility; establishing
 5 report requirements; providing for disposition of
 6 digital files; creating the Statewide Innovative
 7 Libraries Task Force; establishing the purpose and
 8 composition of the task force; establishing duties for
 9 the task force; providing for future repeal unless
 10 reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature; providing
 11 for an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Florida Innovative Libraries Grant.—Eligible
 16 public libraries may apply to the Division of Library and
 17 Information Services of the Department of State for a grant for
 18 the purpose of expanding the role of innovative technologies in
 19 servicing the public.

20 (1) The State Library Council shall establish eligibility
 21 criteria for applicants to the Florida Innovative Libraries
 22 Grant which include, but are not limited to, evidence of a
 23 legitimate community need and a statement specifying how the
 24 receipt of grant funds would satisfy this need and result in
 25 desired outcomes and demonstrating how new equipment,
 26 technology, software, or services will support at least one of
 27 the library's desired outcomes and meet at least one of the
 28 purposes specified in the federal Library Services and

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29 Technology Act, 20 U.S.C. s. 9121.

30 (2) Grant recipients shall submit to the division
31 quarterly and annual reports while work under the grant is
32 ongoing which detail public use of innovative technologies.
33 Grant recipients shall also submit to the division a final
34 report and any digital files and associated metadata created as
35 a result of the grant project. The division shall make the
36 digital files and associated metadata available on a publicly
37 accessible website. The website shall also serve as a repository
38 and clearinghouse for other information collected in the course
39 of the grant project to assist public library systems in this
40 state in expanding innovative technologies.

41 Section 2. Statewide Innovative Libraries Task Force.—

42 (1) There is created within the Department of State a
43 Statewide Innovative Libraries Task Force.

44 (2) The purpose of the task force is to assist in
45 expanding the role of new technologies in existing libraries to
46 help serve their respective communities in diverse formats; in
47 transitioning libraries to encourage educational, business, and
48 social functions; and in developing strategies to eliminate
49 barriers to funding and other resources.

50 (3) The task force is composed of seven members. Two
51 members shall be members of the State Library Council, and the
52 five remaining members shall be appointed by the Governor as
53 representatives of the homeless, technology, architecture,
54 education, and small business communities and must possess
55 applicable private sector experience. The task force shall
56 organize no later than September 1, 2013.

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57 (4) The task force shall develop a 10-year feasibility
58 study that includes recommendations on transitioning the role of
59 innovative technologies in libraries throughout the state and
60 projections of the anticipated cost of the transition. The task
61 force shall submit the feasibility study to the President of the
62 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later
63 than February 1, 2014.

64 (5) This section is repealed July 1, 2014, unless reviewed
65 and reenacted by the Legislature on or before that date.

66 Section 3. For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the sum of
67 \$15,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
68 Revenue Fund to the Department of State for purposes of
69 administering the Statewide Innovative Libraries Task Force.
70 Funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered from this
71 appropriation as of June 30, 2014, shall revert to the General
72 Revenue Fund.

73 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.