

**By** the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;  
and Senator Rodriguez

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to library cooperative grants;  
3           amending s. 257.42, F.S.; deleting the limitation on  
4           the funding a library cooperative is eligible to  
5           receive; providing an effective date.

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

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9           Section 1. Section 257.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
10   read:

11           257.42 Library cooperative grants.—The administrative unit  
12   of a library cooperative is eligible to receive an annual grant  
13   from the state ~~of not more than \$400,000~~ for the purpose of  
14   sharing library resources based upon an annual plan of service  
15   and expenditure and an annually updated 5-year, long-range plan  
16   of cooperative library resource sharing. Those plans, which must  
17   include a component describing how the cooperative will share  
18   technology and the use of technology, must be submitted to the  
19   division ~~of Library and Information Services of the Department~~  
20   ~~of State~~ for evaluation and possible recommendation for funding  
21   in the division's legislative budget request. Grant funds may  
22   not be used to supplant local funds or other funds. A library  
23   cooperative must provide from local sources matching cash funds  
24   equal to 10 percent of the grant award.

25           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.