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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to libraries; creating s. 257.193, F.S.;  
 3           establishing Community Libraries In Caring grants to  
 4           assist libraries in specified rural communities; providing  
 5           criteria for eligibility; providing for administration by  
 6           the Division of Library and Information Services;  
 7           providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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 11           Section 1.   Section 257.193, Florida Statutes, is created  
 12   to read:

13           257.193 Community Libraries In Caring grants.--The purpose  
 14 of a Community Libraries In Caring grant is to assist libraries  
 15 in rural communities, as defined in ss. 288.0656(2) (b) and  
 16 288.06561, to strengthen their collections and services, improve  
 17 literacy in the community, and improve the economic viability of  
 18 the community. A library may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000.  
 19 In order to be eligible for a grant, a library must show local  
 20 or other support which shall include cash, in-kind, or other  
 21 forms of assistance. The Division of Library and Information  
 22 Services of the Department of State shall administer the grant,  
 23 develop rules that establish the application procedures and  
 24 criteria for the review of grant applications and grant awards,  
 25 and facilitate the exchange of ideas and services to foster the  
 26 purposes of the grant.

27           Section 2.   There is appropriated from the General Revenue  
 28 Fund to the Department of State the sum of \$100,000 for the  
 29 purpose of funding rural communities, as defined in ss.  
 30 288.0656(2) (b) and 288.06561, Florida Statutes, for the cost of



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31 implementing the Community Libraries In Caring grant, created by  
32 s. 257.193, Florida Statutes.

33       Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.