

(II) MAY NOT EXCEED 50% OF THE TOTAL COST OF A CAPITAL PROJECT; AND

(III) MAY NOT BE FOR AN AMOUNT LESS THAN \$20,000.

(E) (1) THE DIVISION SHALL REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DIVISION SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD REGARDING CAPITAL PROJECT GRANTS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

(3) IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE DIVISION SHALL CONSIDER:

(I) THE PUBLIC NECESSITY AND URGENCY OF A PROJECT;

(II) THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR A PROJECT;

(III) THE ESTIMATED COST AND TIMELINESS OF EXECUTING A PROJECT;

(IV) THE VIABILITY OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR A PROJECT; AND

(V) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.

(4) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE BOARD SHALL:

(I) APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR; AND

(II) FORWARD THE LIST OF APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT.

(5) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING OR CAPITAL BUDGET SUBMISSION \$5,000,000 FOR COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS.

(F) THE STATE BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, ON STATE GRANTS AWARDED FOR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

(G) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.