Overview

This bill expands the library facilities grants program to include facility improvements generally and new buildings. Under current law, the grants are for accessibility improvements. It also increases the maximum amount of a grant to $1,000,000.

1. **Library facility grants.** Expands the scope of the program from grants for accessibility improvements to grants for improvements more generally, including expanding an existing building for use as a library and constructing a new library building. Increases to $1,000,000 the amount for which a public library jurisdiction may apply (up from $150,000) or 50 percent of the approved costs, whichever is less.

2. **Appropriation.** Appropriates $10,000,000 from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of children, families, and learning for library facilities grants. Sets aside $2,000,000 for removing architectural barriers from a building or site.

3. **Appropriation.** Appropriates $100,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2001 to the commissioner of children, families, and learning to administer the grant program.

4. **Bond sale.** Provides for the sale of bonds.

5. **Effective date.** Day after enactment.