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MARCH 9, 1987

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 9, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Allocating funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for  
2 a Rural Adult Literacy Program.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Allocation.

6 The sum of \$50,000 is hereby allocated from the \$2,750,000  
7 appropriation to the Department of Commerce for Rural Economic  
8 Development in section 208 of the act of July 1, 1986 (P.L. ,  
9 No.5A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 1986, for the  
10 fiscal year July 1, 1986, to June 30, 1987, to the center for  
11 the Study of Rural Librarianship of the College of Library  
12 Science, Clarion University of Pennsylvania of the State System  
13 of Higher Education for the purposes set forth in section 2.

14 Section 2. Purposes of allocation.

15 The moneys allocated in section 1 shall be used to establish  
16 a Rural Adult Literacy Program. The purposes and objectives of

1 the program are:

2 (1) To gather information that more directly identifies  
3 the intensity of illiteracy among Pennsylvania's rural  
4 adults.

5 (2) To identify resource people, representing both the  
6 private as well as the public sector, who can assist in  
7 combating adult illiteracy through the use of the local  
8 public library.

9 (3) To organize a conference dealing with the topic of  
10 illiteracy that would involve the resource people identified  
11 above.

12 (4) To develop viable strategies that can be implemented  
13 in the rural public library to overcome adult illiteracy.

14 (5) To develop a demonstration project in a Pennsylvania  
15 rural public library which will put into practice strategies  
16 of overcoming adult illiteracy.

17 (6) To evaluate this demonstration project for the  
18 possibility of use in other places in Pennsylvania.

19 Section 3. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect immediately.