

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 67 — Florida Slavery Memorial

by Reps. McGee, Lee and others (SB 286 by Senators Rouson, Rodriguez, Campbell, Baxley, Bean, Benacquisto, Book, Bracy, Bradley, Brandes, Braynon, Broxson, Farmer, Flores, Gainer, Galvano, Garcia, Gibson, Grimsley, Hukill, Hutson, Mayfield, Montford, Negrón, Passidomo, Perry, Powell, Rader, Simmons, Simpson, Stargel, Stewart, Taddeo, Thurston, Torres, and Young)

The bill establishes the Florida Slavery Memorial to be placed at the downtown Capitol Complex in Tallahassee. The memorial will serve as a reminder of the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the American Colonies and will honor the nameless and forgotten men, women, and children who have gone unrecognized for their undeniable and weighty contributions to this country.

The Department of Management Services (department) will administer the memorial. In consultation with the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State, the department will develop a plan for the design, placement, and cost of the memorial and select an appropriate placement for the memorial.

The bill requires the department to submit the plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 109-0