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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Black Cultural Tourism
3 Enhancement Commission; creating the commission within
4 the Department of State; directing the department to
5 provide administrative and staff support services for
6 the commission; providing the powers and duties of the
7 commission; providing for the appointment of
8 commission members; providing for the reimbursement of
9 per diem and travel expenses for commission members;
10 authorizing the commission to establish or designate a
11 direct-support organization for specified purposes;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Black Cultural Tourism Enhancement Commission.-

17 (1) There is created the Black Cultural Tourism Enhancement
18 Commission. The commission shall be administratively housed
19 within the Department of State but shall independently exercise
20 the powers and duties specified in this section. The department
21 staff shall provide administrative and staff support services
22 for the commission.

23 (2) The commission shall:

24 (a) Provide financial and technical assistance to
25 facilities and events in the state that have the potential to
26 expand tourism, create jobs, and stimulate economic development
27 in the state through the marketing of the state's black cultural
28 sites.

29 (b) Provide training and technical assistance for staff of

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30 the state's black cultural sites in order to develop tour guides
31 and tour operators for the sites.

32 (c) Provide resources and technical assistance for
33 educators of the state related to the teaching of black history,
34 promote the state's black cultural sites as historical venues,
35 and support tourism in the state through student tours of the
36 sites.

37 (d) Serve as a resource for the Florida Tourism Industry
38 Marketing Corporation in order to expand cultural tourism in the
39 state.

40 (3) The commission is composed of the following members:

41 (a) Three members appointed by the Governor.

42 (b) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate.

43 (c) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
44 Representatives.

45 (d) Two members appointed by the Secretary of State.

46 (e) Two members appointed by the Commissioner of Education.

47 (f) Two members appointed by the Florida Conference of
48 Black State Legislators.

49 (4) Members of the commission shall serve without
50 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
51 travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

52 (5) The commission may establish or designate a direct-
53 support organization that may receive grants, bequests, and
54 other resources to support the state's black cultural sites and
55 the functions of the commission.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.