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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Educator Hall of Fame;
 3 creating s. 265.005, F.S.; establishing the Florida
 4 Educator Hall of Fame; designating a location for the
 5 display of inductee plaques; providing procedures for
 6 the nomination, selection, and induction of members by
 7 the Florida Education Foundation and the Commissioner
 8 of Education; providing that a person inducted before
 9 a certain date remains in the Hall of Fame;
 10 authorizing the commissioner to request a specific
 11 appropriation related to the Florida Educator Hall of
 12 Fame; providing an effective date.

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

16 Section 1. Section 265.005, Florida Statutes, is created to
 17 read:

18 265.005 Florida Educator Hall of Fame.-

19 (1) The Florida Educator Hall of Fame is established to
 20 recognize and honor those persons, living or dead, who have made
 21 significant contributions to education in this state.

22 (2) The Florida Educator Hall of Fame shall be located in
 23 an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building set aside by
 24 the Department of Management Services.

25 (a) The Florida Education Foundation shall make a
 26 recommendation for the design and theme of the Florida Educator
 27 Hall of Fame. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation
 28 with the Department of Management Services, shall approve or
 29 disapprove the foundation's recommendation.

30 (b) A plaque must be displayed in the designated area of
 31 the Capitol Building for each member of the Florida Educator
 32 Hall of Fame. The plaque must indicate the member's particular

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33 discipline or contribution and any vital information relating to
34 the member. Each member shall also receive a standard memento of
35 his or her induction.

36 (3) The Florida Education Foundation shall accept
37 nominations annually for membership in the Florida Educator Hall
38 of Fame. Floridians who have made a significant contribution to
39 education in this state, as determined and documented by the
40 Florida Education Foundation, are eligible for membership. The
41 foundation shall recommend to the Commissioner of Education
42 persons to be named as members of the Florida Educator Hall of
43 Fame.

44 (a) The Commissioner of Education may annually name up to
45 four members to the Florida Educator Hall of Fame.

46 (b) A person inducted into the Florida Educator Hall of
47 Fame administered by the Florida Education Foundation and the
48 Department of Education before July 1, 2016, shall remain in the
49 Florida Educator Hall of Fame.

50 (4) The Commissioner of Education and the Florida Education
51 Foundation shall develop and adopt written policies to
52 administer this section, including procedures to accept
53 nominations, make recommendations regarding the selection of
54 members, provide inductees' travel expenses, and provide funding
55 for the Florida Educator Hall of Fame.

56 (5) The Commissioner of Education may annually request an
57 appropriation from the Legislature sufficient to administer this
58 section. The Florida Education Foundation may also provide funds
59 to cover any or all expenses related to the Florida Educator
60 Hall of Fame.

61 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.