

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Government Operations  
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Narain offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. (1) Any historical resource, record, archive,  
 8 or artifact and any human remains that are recovered from the  
 9 Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys must be transferred to the  
 10 Department of State. The department shall retain and preserve  
 11 such historical resources, records, archives, and artifacts.

12 (2) The Department of State shall reimburse the next of  
 13 kin or pay directly to the provider up to \$7,500 for funeral,  
 14 reinterment, and grave marker expenses for each child whose body  
 15 was buried and exhumed at the Dozier School. The department  
 16 shall identify and locate eligible next of kin of such children  
 17 by December 31, 2017.

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18 (a) To receive reimbursement, the next of kin must submit  
19 to the department receipts for or documentation of expenses.  
20 Reimbursement shall be made pursuant to s. 215.422.

21 (b) If expenses are to be paid directly to the provider,  
22 the funeral home or other similar entity shall submit an invoice  
23 to the department for the cost of the child's funeral,  
24 reinterment, and grave marker expenses. Payment shall be made  
25 pursuant to s. 215.422.

26 (c) A charitable donation made toward funeral,  
27 reinterment, and grave marker expenses is not eligible for  
28 reimbursement.

29 (3) By February 1, 2018, the Department of State shall  
30 report to the Legislature on the status of payments and  
31 reimbursements required by this act.

32 (4) (a) A task force, as defined in s. 20.03, is  
33 established adjunct to the Department of State to make  
34 recommendations to the department regarding the creation and  
35 maintenance of a memorial and the location of a site for the  
36 reinterment of unidentified or unclaimed remains.

37 (b) Task force members shall be appointed by the secretary  
38 of the Department of State and shall serve without compensation,  
39 but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel  
40 expenses in accordance with s. 112.061.

41 (c) The recommendations of the task force must be  
42 submitted to the Department of State by October 1, 2016, at  
43 which time the task force is abolished.

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44       (5) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer  
45 this section.

46       Section 2. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of  
47 \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
48 Revenue Fund to the Department of State for the purpose of  
49 implementing this act. The unexpended balance of such funds  
50 shall revert immediately on July 1, 2017, and is appropriated  
51 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the same purpose.

52       Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
57 An act relating to the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys;  
58 directing the Department of State to preserve historical  
59 resources, records, archives, and artifacts; directing the  
60 department to reimburse the next of kin of children whose  
61 bodies are buried and exhumed at the Dozier School or to  
62 pay directly to a provider for the costs associated with  
63 funeral services, reinterment, and grave marker expenses;  
64 providing a process for reimbursement by the department;  
65 providing that a charitable donation made toward funeral,  
66 reinterment, and grave marker expenses is not eligible for  
67 reimbursement; establishing a task force to make  
68 recommendations regarding a memorial and a location of a  
69 site for the reinterment of unidentified or unclaimed

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70 remains; providing that members of the task force shall  
71 serve without compensation but are entitled certain per  
72 diem and travel expenses; requiring the task for to submit  
73 its recommendation to the department by a certain date, at  
74 which time the task force is abolished; authorizing the  
75 department to adopt rules; providing appropriations;  
76 providing an effective date.  
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78 WHEREAS, the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys, or the  
79 Dozier School, operated from 1900 until it was closed in  
80 2011 after allegations of abuse were confirmed in separate  
81 investigations by the Department of Law Enforcement in 2010  
82 and the Civil Rights Division of the United States  
83 Department of Justice in 2011, and

84 WHEREAS, official records indicated that 31 graves had  
85 been dug at the facility between 1914 and 1952, and

86 WHEREAS, a forensic investigation by the University of  
87 South Florida found that there are no records of where  
88 children who died at the Dozier School are buried and that  
89 a second cemetery is likely to exist, and

90 WHEREAS, exhumations of bodies began in August 2013,  
91 and the excavations yielded 55 burial sites, 24 more than  
92 reported in official records, and

93 WHEREAS, one of the bodies exhumed during the forensic  
94 investigation was of a child reported missing since 1940,  
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96 WHEREAS, representatives of children formerly held at  
97 the Dozier School have estimated that there could be 100  
98 more bodies buried on the grounds of the school, and

99 WHEREAS, many families of children whose bodies have  
100 been exhumed lack the resources to properly reinter those  
101 children at a suitable location, and

102 WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes an obligation  
103 to help the families of children formerly buried at the  
104 Dozier School reinter the bodies of those children, NOW,  
105 THEREFORE,