

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senator Albritton

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to monuments; creating s. 265.008,
3 F.S.; providing legislative intent; establishing the
4 Florida Space Exploration Monument; providing for
5 administration of the monument by the Department of
6 Management Services; providing for the creation of a
7 design contest and selection committee; requiring the
8 department to develop a plan regarding the monument;
9 requiring the plan to be submitted to the Governor and
10 the Legislature by a specified date; amending s.
11 265.111, F.S.; requiring the department to limit
12 participation in design competitions for monuments on
13 the Capitol Complex or at other state-owned buildings
14 to artists and sculptors who are domiciled in this
15 state; providing an effective date.

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17 WHEREAS, Florida's history with space exploration can be
18 traced back to 1865, when Jules Verne envisioned the state as
19 the launch site of the "Columbiad" cannon in his popular novel
20 *From the Earth to the Moon*, and

21 WHEREAS, in 1950, a rocket known as "Bumper 8" became the
22 first rocket launched from Cape Canaveral, and

23 WHEREAS, in 1969, the National Aeronautics and Space
24 Administration (NASA) and the crew of Apollo 11 undertook the
25 first mission that would land humans on the surface of the moon
26 after launching from the John F. Kennedy Space Center, and

27 WHEREAS, Florida continues to be home to the Cape Canaveral
28 Spaceport, consisting of NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center and
29 the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, and

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30 WHEREAS, the state maintains a robust commercial aerospace
31 industry and highly trained workforce, which has helped
32 contribute technical and scientific knowledge that has allowed
33 Florida to continue to serve as the launch pad of the United
34 States' achievements in space, and

35 WHEREAS, the establishment of the Florida Space Exploration
36 Monument would not only commemorate the past achievements and
37 contributions of individuals who have made this state a leader
38 in space exploration, but would also serve in the future to
39 inspire individuals to help maintain this state's role, NOW,
40 THEREFORE,

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

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44 Section 1. Section 265.008, Florida Statutes, is created to
45 read:

46 265.008 Florida Space Exploration Monument.-

47 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the
48 importance of the role of this state, and its past, current, and
49 future contributions, in space exploration; to honor the state's
50 residents for their role in humanity's most daring journey of
51 space exploration; and to honor the contribution of all
52 individuals and their families who have gone unrecognized for
53 their impact on the United States' achievements in space.

54 (2) There is established the Florida Space Exploration
55 Monument.

56 (a) The monument is administered by the Department of
57 Management Services.

58 (b) The Department of Management Services, in consultation

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59 with Space Florida, shall establish a contest for individuals
60 who wish to submit a design for the monument. The department and
61 Space Florida shall appoint a selection committee to choose the
62 design of the monument.

63 (c) The Department of Management Services shall develop a
64 plan for the design, placement, and cost of the monument. The
65 plan must include the designation of an appropriate public area
66 for the monument on the premises of the Capitol Complex, as
67 defined in s. 281.01, not including the State Capital Circle
68 Office Complex. The department shall consider the
69 recommendations of the Florida Historical Commission as required
70 pursuant to ss. 265.111 and 267.0612(9) and shall coordinate
71 with the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of
72 State in developing the plan. The plan must also include the
73 dates for the design contest and the timeframe for the selection
74 committee to review and select a design. The Department of
75 Management Services shall submit the plan to the Governor, the
76 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
77 Representatives by March 9, 2021.

78 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 265.111,
79 Florida Statutes, to read:

80 265.111 Capitol Complex; monuments.—

81 (4) The Department of Management Services shall limit
82 participation in any competitions between sculptors or artists
83 for the design of a monument on the Capitol Complex, or at any
84 other state buildings where a similar competition is being
85 conducted, to sculptors and artists who are domiciled in this
86 state.

87 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.