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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to monuments; creating s. 265.009,  
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 for the design,  
9 placement, and cost of the monument; requiring the  
10 plan to be submitted to the Governor and the  
11 Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 265.111,  
12 F.S.; requiring the department to limit participation  
13 in design competitions for monuments on the Capitol  
14 Complex or at other state-owned buildings to sculptors  
15 and artists who are domiciled in this state; providing  
16 an effective date.

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

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

24 WHEREAS, in 1969, the National Aeronautics and Space  
25 Administration (NASA) and the crew of Apollo 11 undertook the

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26 first mission that would land humans on the surface of the moon  
 27 after launching from the John F. Kennedy Space Center located on  
 28 Merritt Island on Florida's east coast, and

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

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

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

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

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 46 Section 1. Section 265.009, Florida Statutes, is created  
 47 to read:

48 265.009 Florida Space Exploration Monument.—

49 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the  
 50 importance of the role of this state, and its past, current, and

51 future contributions, in space exploration; to honor this  
52 state's residents for their role in humanity's most daring  
53 journey of space exploration; and to honor the contribution of  
54 all individuals and their families who have gone unrecognized  
55 for their impact on the United States' achievements in space.

56 (2) There is established the Florida Space Exploration  
57 Monument.

58 (a) The monument is administered by the Department of  
59 Management Services.

60 (b) The department, in consultation with Space Florida,  
61 shall establish a contest for individuals who wish to submit a  
62 design for the monument. The department and Space Florida shall  
63 appoint a selection committee to choose the design of the  
64 monument.

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

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76 design. The department shall submit the plan to the Governor,  
77 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
78 Representatives by July 1, 2024.

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

81 265.111 Capitol Complex; monuments.—

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

88 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.