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An act relating to monuments; creating s. 265.009, F.S.; providing legislative intent; establishing the Florida Space Exploration Monument; providing for administration of the monument by the Department of Management Services; providing for the creation of a design contest and selection committee; requiring the department to develop a plan for the design, placement, and cost of the monument; requiring the plan to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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

WHEREAS, in 1969, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the crew of Apollo 11 undertook the first mission that would land humans on the surface of the moon after launching from the John F. Kennedy Space Center located on Merritt Island on Florida's east coast, and

WHEREAS, Florida continues to be home to the Cape Canaveral

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26 | Spaceport, consisting of NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center and
 27 | the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, and

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

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

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 40 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 42 | Section 1. Section 265.009, Florida Statutes, is created
 43 | to read:

44 | 265.009 Florida Space Exploration Monument.—

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

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51 for their impact on the United States' achievements in space.

52 (2) There is established the Florida Space Exploration
 53 Monument.

54 (a) The monument is administered by the Department of
 55 Management Services.

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

61 (c) The department shall develop a plan for the design,
 62 placement, and cost of the monument. The plan must include the
 63 designation of an appropriate public area for the monument on
 64 the premises of the Capitol Complex as defined in s. 281.01, not
 65 including the State Capital Circle Office Complex. The
 66 department shall consider the recommendations of the Florida
 67 Historical Commission as required pursuant to ss. 265.111 and
 68 267.0612(9) and shall coordinate with the Division of Historical
 69 Resources of the Department of State in developing the plan. The
 70 plan must also include the dates for the design contest and the
 71 timeframe for the selection committee to review and select a
 72 design. The department shall submit the plan to the Governor,
 73 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 74 Representatives by July 1, 2024.

75 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.