

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

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Museum of Black
3 History; creating s. 267.0722, F.S.; creating the
4 Florida Museum of Black History Task Force within the
5 Division of Historical Resources of the Department of
6 State; providing for the appointment of task force
7 members by the Governor and the Legislature; providing
8 requirements for members of the task force;
9 prohibiting compensation for members of the task
10 force; providing that task force members are entitled
11 to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel
12 expenses; requiring the division to provide staff and
13 expend funds as necessary to assist the task force;
14 requiring the task force to develop certain plans and
15 recommendations; requiring the task force to submit a
16 report to the Governor and the Legislature before a
17 certain date; providing for the expiration of the task
18 force; authorizing the Legislature to consider the
19 commissioning, construction, operation, and
20 administration of a Florida Museum of Black History;
21 providing an effective date.

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

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25 Section 1. Section 267.0722, Florida Statutes, is created
26 to read:

27 267.0722 Florida Museum of Black History.-

28 (1) There is created within the division the Florida Museum
29 of Black History Task Force for the purpose of providing

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30 recommendations to the division for the planning, construction,
31 operation, and administration of a Florida Museum of Black
32 History. The museum shall be a multipurpose facility capable of
33 generating self-sustaining revenues, with archival research and
34 storage facilities, meeting rooms, full-service banquet
35 facilities that include a kitchen capable of serving at least
36 250 people at a single event, and a performing arts theater that
37 shall be made available for private events.

38 (2) The task force shall be composed of nine members. Three
39 members shall be appointed by the Governor, three members shall
40 be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members
41 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives. At least three of the appointed members must
43 have 5 or more years of experience in one of the following
44 areas: history, as tenured faculty at a Florida public or
45 private university; historical research and publication;
46 archival design or preservation; multipurpose public building
47 design or construction; the hospitality and service industry;
48 business; finance; marketing; law; or education. All
49 appointments shall be made no later than July 31, 2023.

50 (3) Members of the task force shall serve without
51 compensation or honorarium but shall be entitled to receive
52 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s.
53 112.061.

54 (4) The division shall provide the task force with staff
55 and expend funds as necessary to assist the task force in the
56 performance of its duties.

57 (5) The task force shall develop the following:

58 (a) Plans for the location, design, and construction of the

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59 museum and all necessary facilities.

60 (b) Recommendations for the operation and administration of
61 the museum upon completion of construction.

62 (c) A marketing plan that may be executed by the Florida
63 Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to promote the museum.

64 (d) A transition plan under which the museum will become
65 financially self-sufficient.

66 (e) Recommendations for archival and artifact acquisition,
67 preservation, and research; exhibits; installations; and
68 educational materials that complement and support required
69 instruction provided in public schools in accordance with s.
70 1003.42(2)(h). The recommendations must include materials
71 relating to:

72 1. The role of African-American participation in defending
73 and preserving Florida and the United States, including, by way
74 of example and without limitation, the contributions of the
75 residents of Fort Mose, the Tuskegee Airmen, and all African-
76 American veterans.

77 2. The history of slavery in this state.

78 3. The history of segregation in this state.

79 4. Notable African Americans in this state.

80 5. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, including the founding of
81 Bethune Cookman University.

82 6. The history of historically black colleges and
83 universities in this state.

84 7. The inherent worth and dignity of human life, with a
85 focus on the prevention of genocide.

86 (6) Before July 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a
87 report detailing its plans and recommendations to the Governor,

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88 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
89 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the
90 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Upon submission
91 of the report, the task force shall expire.

92 (7) After receiving the report of the task force, the
93 Legislature may consider legislation pertaining to the
94 commissioning, construction, operation, and administration of
95 the museum.

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