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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services  
(Burgess) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 58

insert:

Section 1. Section 265.8021, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

265.8021 Florida Veterans' History Program.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "veteran" has the  
same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

(2) There is created the Florida Veterans' History Program



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11 within the Division of Arts and Culture of the Department of  
12 State as a Florida Folklife Program to collect and preserve the  
13 stories and experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of  
14 Florida's military contributions throughout the nation's  
15 history. The division may request assistance with the program  
16 from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

17 (3) In order to collect and preserve the stories and  
18 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's  
19 military contributions throughout the nation's history, the  
20 division's folklorists shall seek out and identify those  
21 veterans who are willing to share their experiences. The  
22 division or a folklorist may interview veterans or invite  
23 veterans to submit written or electronic accounts of their  
24 experiences for inclusion in the program.

25 (4) As provided in s. 265.802, the division may contract  
26 with a third-party vendor to fulfill its responsibilities under  
27 subsection (3).

28 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement the program.  
29 Section 2. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of  
30 \$91,207 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is  
31 appropriated to the Division of Arts and Culture of the  
32 Department of State, and one full-time equivalent position with  
33 associated salary rate of 68,771 is authorized, to implement and  
34 administer the Florida Veterans' History Program as created by  
35 this act.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete line 2



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40 and insert:

41 An act relating to veterans; creating s. 265.8021,  
42 F.S.; defining the term "veteran"; creating the  
43 Florida Veterans' History Program within the Division  
44 of Arts and Culture of the Department of State as a  
45 Florida Folklife Program; providing the program's  
46 purpose; authorizing the division to request  
47 assistance from the Department of Veterans' Affairs;  
48 requiring the division's folklorists to seek out and  
49 identify certain veterans; authorizing the division or  
50 a folklorist to interview such veterans or invite them  
51 to submit written or electronic accounts of their  
52 experiences; authorizing the division to contract with  
53 a third-party vendor for a specified purpose;  
54 authorizing the division to adopt rules; providing an  
55 appropriation and authorizing a position; amending s.  
56 295.21, F.S.;