

By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Senators Burgess, Perry, and Collins

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Veterans' History
3 Program; creating s. 265.8021, F.S.; defining the term
4 "veteran"; creating the Florida Veterans' History
5 Program within the Division of Arts and Culture of the
6 Department of State as a Florida Folklife Program;
7 providing the program's purpose; authorizing the
8 division to request assistance from the Department of
9 Veterans' Affairs; requiring the division's
10 folklorists to seek out and identify certain veterans;
11 authorizing the division or a folklorist to interview
12 such veterans or invite them to submit written or
13 electronic accounts of their experiences; authorizing
14 the division to contract with a third-party vendor for
15 a specified purpose; authorizing the division to adopt
16 rules; providing an appropriation and authorizing a
17 position; providing an effective date.

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

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

23 265.8021 Florida Veterans' History Program.—

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

26 (2) There is created the Florida Veterans' History Program
27 within the Division of Arts and Culture as a Florida Folklife
28 Program to collect and preserve the stories and experiences of
29 Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's military

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30 contributions throughout the nation's history. The division may
31 request assistance with the program from the Department of
32 Veterans' Affairs.

33 (3) In order to collect and preserve the stories and
34 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's
35 military contributions throughout the nation's history, the
36 division's folklorists shall seek out and identify those
37 veterans who are willing to share their experiences. The
38 division or a folklorist may interview veterans or invite
39 veterans to submit written or electronic accounts of their
40 experiences for inclusion in the program.

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

44 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement the program.

45 Section 2. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
46 \$91,207 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
47 appropriated to the Division of Arts and Culture of the
48 Department of State, and one full-time equivalent position with
49 associated salary rate of 68,771 is authorized, to implement and
50 administer the Florida Veterans' History Program as created by
51 this act.

52 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.