

By Senator Burgess

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to historical preservation programs;
3 creating s. 267.0724, F.S.; requiring the Department
4 of State to partner with the Florida African American
5 Heritage Preservation Network for a specified purpose;
6 specifying preservation efforts that may be undertaken
7 through the partnership; requiring the department and
8 the network to determine other eligible expenditures
9 necessary to further the partnership's mission and
10 goals; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 267.0724, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 267.0724 Florida African American Heritage Preservation
17 Network.—Subject to the appropriation of funds by the
18 Legislature, the department shall, in accordance with s.
19 267.071, partner with the Florida African American Heritage
20 Preservation Network to preserve the history, culture, and
21 contributions of Florida's black and African-American residents.
22 Such preservation efforts must include, but are not limited to,
23 providing funding to support member museums and affiliates and
24 institutions served; supporting galleries and archives;
25 providing funding in the areas of technology, equipment
26 acquisition, content and exhibit development, fabrication, and
27 installation; preserving documents and artifacts; providing
28 professional and resource development services, including
29 conducting conferences and workshops; and providing funding for

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30 training, tourism, and marketing to promote visitation to and
31 viewership of Florida's black and African-American history
32 museums, places, and other spaces. The department and the
33 Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network shall
34 determine other eligible expenditures related to the
35 partnership's stated mission and goals, which may include
36 providing funding for an internship, field training sessions,
37 virtual communication methods to maintain connectivity among the
38 museums, traveling exhibits, and living history presentations.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.