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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 network to
8 submit a list of member museums to the department;
9 requiring the department to independently verify that
10 such museums are members of the network; requiring the
11 department and the network to determine other eligible
12 expenditures necessary to further the partnership's
13 mission and goals; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 267.0724, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

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

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30 installation; preserving documents and artifacts; providing
31 professional and resource development services, including
32 conducting conferences and workshops; and providing funding for
33 training and technical assistance. The Florida African American
34 Heritage Preservation Network shall submit a list of member
35 museums to the department, and the department shall
36 independently verify that such museums are members of the
37 Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network. The
38 department and the Florida African American Heritage
39 Preservation Network shall determine other eligible expenditures
40 related to the partnership's stated mission and goals, which may
41 include providing funding for an internship, field training
42 sessions, virtual communication methods to maintain connectivity
43 among the museums, traveling exhibits, and living history
44 presentations.

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