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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.