

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Museum of Black
 3 History; amending s. 267.0722, F.S.; specifying
 4 functions and activities of the Florida Museum of
 5 Black History; providing for legislative designation
 6 of the permanent and temporary locations of the
 7 museum; requiring a specified nonprofit organization
 8 to create the exhibits for the temporary museum;
 9 establishing a governing board for certain purposes;
 10 providing requirements for the governing board;
 11 requiring the governing board to submit a written
 12 report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified
 13 date; requiring the Department of State to provide
 14 certain support; removing obsolete provisions;
 15 providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19 **Section 1. Section 267.0722, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 20 **to read:**

21 267.0722 Florida Museum of Black History.—

22 (1) There is created within the division the Florida
 23 Museum of Black History. The museum, once constructed, shall be
 24 a multipurpose facility capable of generating revenues to offset
 25 operating costs and expenses, with archival research and storage

26 facilities, meeting rooms, full-service banquet facilities, and
 27 a locally funded performing arts theater.

28 (2) Based on the report delivered by the Florida Museum of
 29 Black History governing board to the Governor, the President of
 30 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
 31 Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the
 32 House of Representatives, the Legislature:

33 (a) Determines that the City of Opa-locka shall be the
 34 permanent location of the Florida Museum of Black History.

35 (b) Designates the Opa-locka Historic City Hall and Fire
 36 Station as the interim location for a temporary museum.

37 (c) Designates the Ten North Group, a nonprofit
 38 organization located in Opa-locka, as the entity responsible for
 39 creating exhibits at the temporary museum.

40 (3) (a) A governing board is established to oversee the
 41 predevelopment activities and the development and governance of
 42 the museum. The governing board shall consist of no more than 25
 43 members, appointed by July 31, 2025, as follows:

44 1. Two members appointed by the Executive Office of the
 45 Governor.

46 2. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate.

47 3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 48 Representatives.

49 4. Two members appointed by the Mayor of Miami-Dade
 50 County.

51 5. Two members appointed by the chair of the Miami-Dade
52 County Commission.

53 6. Two members appointed by a member of the Miami-Dade
54 County Commission, District 1.

55 7. Six members appointed by a majority vote of the Mayor
56 of the City of Opa-locka and the Opa-locka City Commission.

57 8. No more than seven members appointed by a majority vote
58 of the governing board members. At least three of these members
59 must have 5 or more years of experience as academic scholars in
60 Black studies or African-American history.

61 (b) Members of the governing board shall serve for a term
62 of 3 years or until replaced.

63 (c) Members of the governing board shall serve without
64 compensation but are entitled to receive reimbursement for per
65 diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

66 (d) The governing board must hold its first meeting by
67 October 1, 2025.

68 (e) In conducting the predevelopment activities, the
69 governing board must conduct site visits and guide the design
70 and planning phases with a focus on conceptual design,
71 regulatory compliance, and community engagement. Additionally,
72 the governing board may take an active role in securing
73 necessary funding and financing, approving detailed financial
74 models, establishing strategic partnerships, and coordinating
75 the procurement of contractors and resources to ensure that the

76 | museum can seamlessly transition into the construction phase.

77 | (f) By March 1, 2026, the governing board shall submit a
78 | written report detailing its plans for constructing the
79 | permanent museum to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
80 | and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

81 | (4) (a) The Department of State shall provide support,
82 | including administrative support, to implement the
83 | predevelopment activities of the museum. The department shall
84 | also make historical artifacts, as requested by the Ten North
85 | Group, available as part of the exhibits for the temporary
86 | museum.

87 | (b) The Ten North Group must create at least two exhibits
88 | at the temporary museum within the first year of the temporary
89 | museum's existence. ~~Task Force for the purpose of providing~~
90 | ~~recommendations to the division for the planning, construction,~~
91 | ~~operation, and administration of a Florida Museum of Black~~
92 | ~~History. The museum shall be a multipurpose facility capable of~~
93 | ~~generating self-sustaining revenues, with archival research and~~
94 | ~~storage facilities, meeting rooms, full service banquet~~
95 | ~~facilities that include a kitchen capable of serving at least~~
96 | ~~250 people at a single event, and a performing arts theater that~~
97 | ~~shall be made available for private events.~~

98 | ~~(2) The task force shall be composed of nine members.~~
99 | ~~Three members shall be appointed by the Governor, three members~~
100 | ~~shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three~~

101 ~~members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of~~
102 ~~Representatives. At least three of the appointed members must~~
103 ~~have 5 or more years of experience in one of the following~~
104 ~~areas: tenured faculty in history at a Florida public or private~~
105 ~~university; historical research and publication; archival design~~
106 ~~or preservation; multipurpose public building design or~~
107 ~~construction; the hospitality and service industry; business;~~
108 ~~finance; marketing; law; or education. All appointments shall be~~
109 ~~made no later than July 31, 2023.~~

110 ~~(3) Members of the task force shall serve without~~
111 ~~compensation or honorarium but shall be entitled to receive~~
112 ~~reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s.~~
113 ~~112.061.~~

114 ~~(4) The division shall provide the task force with staff~~
115 ~~and expend funds as necessary to assist the task force in the~~
116 ~~performance of its duties.~~

117 ~~(5) The task force shall develop the following:~~

118 ~~(a) Plans for the location, design, and construction of~~
119 ~~the museum and all necessary facilities.~~

120 ~~(b) Recommendations for the operation and administration~~
121 ~~of the museum upon completion of construction.~~

122 ~~(c) A marketing plan that may be executed by the Florida~~
123 ~~Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to promote the museum.~~

124 ~~(d) A transition plan under which the museum will become~~
125 ~~financially self-sufficient.~~

126 ~~(e) Recommendations for archival and artifact acquisition,~~
127 ~~preservation, and research; exhibits; installations; and~~
128 ~~educational materials that complement and support required~~
129 ~~instruction provided in public schools in accordance with s.~~
130 ~~1003.42(2) (h). The recommendations must include materials~~
131 ~~relating to:~~

132 ~~1. The role of African-American participation in defending~~
133 ~~and preserving Florida and the United States, including, by way~~
134 ~~of example and without limitation, the contributions of the~~
135 ~~residents of Fort Mose, the Tuskegee Airmen, and all African-~~
136 ~~American veterans.~~

137 ~~2. The history of slavery in the state.~~

138 ~~3. The history of segregation in the state.~~

139 ~~4. Notable African Americans in this state.~~

140 ~~5. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, including the founding of~~
141 ~~Bethune Cookman University.~~

142 ~~6. The history of historically black colleges and~~
143 ~~universities in this state.~~

144 ~~7. The inherent worth and dignity of human life, with a~~
145 ~~focus on the prevention of genocide.~~

146 ~~(6) Before July 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a~~
147 ~~report detailing its plans and recommendations to the Governor,~~
148 ~~the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of~~
149 ~~Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the~~
150 ~~Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Upon submission~~

151 ~~of the report, the task force shall expire.~~

152 ~~(7) After receiving the report of the task force, the~~
153 ~~Legislature may consider legislation pertaining to the~~
154 ~~commissioning, construction, operation, and administration of~~
155 ~~the museum.~~

156 **Section 2.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the sum of
157 \$750,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
158 Revenue Fund to the Florida Museum of Black History governing
159 board for predevelopment activities, with no more than 10
160 percent of the funds to be used for administrative expenses.

161 **Section 3.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the sum of
162 \$750,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
163 Revenue Fund to the Florida Museum of Black History governing
164 board for use by the Ten North Group for expenses incurred in
165 creating the exhibits for the temporary museum.

166 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.