

By Senator Jones

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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; deleting 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 Museum  
23 of Black History. The museum, once constructed, shall be a  
24 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

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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 be composed of no more  
43 than 25 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 County.

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

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

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

56 8. No more than seven members appointed by a majority vote  
57 of the governing board members. At least three of these members  
58 must have 5 or more years of experience as academic scholars in

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59 Black studies or African-American history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

86 (b) The Ten North Group must create at least two exhibits  
87 at the temporary museum within the first year of the temporary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

145 ~~(6) Before July 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a~~

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146 ~~report detailing its plans and recommendations to the Governor,~~  
147 ~~the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of~~  
148 ~~Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the~~  
149 ~~Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Upon submission~~  
150 ~~of the report, the task force shall expire.~~

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

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

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

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