

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Florida African American  
 3           Heritage Preservation Network; creating s. 267.0724,  
 4           F.S.; requiring the Department of State to contract  
 5           with the Florida African American Heritage  
 6           Preservation Network for a specified purpose;  
 7           specifying functions that must be provided under the  
 8           contract; providing that certain expenses are eligible  
 9           for funding under the contract; providing an effective  
 10          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.—As authorized by and consistent with funding  
 18 appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, the Department  
 19 of State shall contract, in accordance with the duties of the  
 20 division under s. 267.071, with the Florida African American  
 21 Heritage Preservation Network, a nonprofit organization exempt  
 22 from taxation pursuant to s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
 23 Code, to preserve Florida Black and African American history and  
 24 culture. Functions to be provided by the Florida African  
 25 American Heritage Preservation Network under the contract shall

26 include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

27 (1) Distribution of funding to support member museums and  
28 their affiliates and institutions served, and the galleries and  
29 archives of such museums, affiliates, and institutions.

30 (2) Support to member museums and their affiliates in the  
31 areas of technology, equipment acquisition, content and exhibit  
32 development fabrication and installation, and preservation of  
33 documents and artifacts.

34 (3) Provision of professional and resource development  
35 services to member museums and their affiliates to enhance  
36 visitation to and viewership of Florida Black History and  
37 African American museums, places, and spaces. Such professional  
38 and resource development services shall include conferences,  
39 workshops, and training and tourism and marketing expenditures.

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41 Other expenses as determined by the Florida African American  
42 Heritage Preservation Network and related to the network's  
43 mission are eligible for funding under the contract, including  
44 intern expenses, expenses related to field training sessions and  
45 virtual communication methods to maintain connectivity among the  
46 museums, traveling exhibit expenses, and expenses for living  
47 history presentations.

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