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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Black Cultural Tourism
Enhancement Commission; creating the commission within
the Department of State; directing the commission to
independently exercise its powers and duties;
requiring the department to provide administrative and
staff support services to the commission; providing
the powers and duties of the commission; providing for
the appointment and terms of commission members;
providing for the reimbursement of per diem and travel
expenses for commission members; authorizing the
commission to establish or designate a direct-support
organization for specified purposes; providing an
effective date.

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

- Section 1. Black Cultural Tourism Enhancement Commission.-
- (1) There is created the Black Cultural Tourism

 Enhancement Commission. The commission shall be administratively housed within the Department of State but shall independently exercise the powers and duties specified in this section. The department staff shall provide administrative and staff support services to the commission.
 - (2) The commission shall:
- (a) Provide financial and technical assistance to facilities and events that have the potential to expand tourism, create jobs, and stimulate economic development in the state

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through the marketing of the state's black cultural sites.

- (b) Provide training and technical assistance for staff members of the state's black cultural sites in order to develop tour guides and tour operators for the sites.
- (c) Provide resources and technical assistance for educators of the state related to the teaching of black history, promote the state's black cultural sites as historical venues, and support tourism in the state through student tours of the sites.
- (d) Serve as a resource for the Florida Tourism Industry

 Marketing Corporation in order to expand cultural tourism in the state.
- (3) (a) The commission is composed of 13 members who are appointed in the following manner:
- 1. The Governor shall appoint three members, one of whom represents an institution of higher learning, one of whom represents the Florida African-American Heritage Preservation

 Network, and one of whom represents business and civic interests in the African-American community.
- 2. The President of the Senate shall appoint two members, one of whom is involved in instructional design in a school district or in an institution of higher learning and one of whom is an employee of a museum of African-American history in this state.
- 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members, one of whom has a substantial history of community service in the performing or visual arts in the African-American community and one of whom is an employee of a

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museum of African-American history in this state.

4. The Secretary of State shall appoint two members who are directors of museums of African-American history or black archives and research centers in this state.

- 5. The Commissioner of Education shall appoint two members who are members of the Commissioner of Education's African

 American History Task Force.
- 6. The Florida Conference of Black State Legislators shall appoint two members, one of whom is a representative of a philanthropic foundation and one of whom is a member of the clergy.
- (b) A member of the commission shall be appointed for a term of 4 years, except that at the time of the initial appointment, two members appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the President of the Senate, one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member appointed by the Secretary of State, and one member appointed by the Commissioner of Education shall be appointed for a term of 2 years. A member may be appointed to a subsequent term.
- (4) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- (5) The commission may establish or designate a direct-support organization that may receive grants, bequests, and other resources to support the state's black cultural sites and the functions of the commission.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.