

By Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Law Enforcement
3 Officers' Hall of Fame; creating s. 265.005, F.S.;
4 providing legislative intent; establishing the Florida
5 Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame; providing for
6 administration of the hall of fame by the Department
7 of Law Enforcement; directing the Department of
8 Management Services to designate a location;
9 establishing procedures for selection, nomination, and
10 induction of members; providing an effective 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 265.005, Florida Statutes, is created to
15 read:

16 265.005 Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.—

17 (1) The Legislature intends to recognize and honor those
18 law enforcement officers who, through their works, service, and
19 exemplary accomplishments during or following their service as
20 law enforcement officers, have dedicated their lives to, and
21 sacrificed their lives for, the safety of the citizens of
22 Florida and have made significant contributions to this state.

23 (2) There is established the Florida Law Enforcement
24 Officers' Hall of Fame.

25 (a) The Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame is
26 administered by the Department of Law Enforcement without
27 appropriation of state funds.

28 (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside
29 an appropriate public area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol

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30 Building for the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame
31 and shall consult with the Department of Law Enforcement
32 regarding the design and theme of the area.

33 (c) The Department of Law Enforcement shall affix the name
34 of each person inducted into the Florida Law Enforcement
35 Officers' Hall of Fame on a plaque displayed in the designated
36 area of the Capitol Building.

37 (3) (a) The Department of Law Enforcement shall annually
38 accept nominations of persons to be considered for induction
39 into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame from law
40 enforcement organizations that the department deems appropriate,
41 including, but not limited to, the Police Benevolent
42 Association. The department shall transmit a list of nominees to
43 the Governor and Cabinet who will select the nominees to be
44 inducted.

45 (b) In making its recommendations to the Governor and
46 Cabinet, the Department of Law Enforcement shall give preference
47 to law enforcement officers who were born in Florida or adopted
48 Florida as their home state.

49 (4) The Department of Law Enforcement may establish
50 criteria and set specific time periods for the acceptance of
51 nominations and for the selection process for nominees. The
52 department may establish, organize, and conduct a formal
53 induction ceremony.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.