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A BILL

To amend sections 125.22, 4112.12, 4112.13, and 1
6301.10 of the Revised Code to change the name 2
of a commission to the Commission on African- 3
Americans and to modify membership of the 4
Commission. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 125.22, 4112.12, 4112.13, and 6
6301.10 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 125.22. (A) The department of administrative services 8
shall establish the central service agency to perform routine 9
support for the following boards and commissions: 10

(1) Architects board; 11

(2) State chiropractic board; 12

(3) State cosmetology and barber board; 13

(4) Accountancy board; 14

(5) State dental board; 15

(6) Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board;	16 17
(7) State board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors;	18 19
(8) Board of embalmers and funeral directors;	20
(9) State board of psychology;	21
(10) Counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board;	22 23
(11) State veterinary medical licensing board;	24
(12) Commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs;	25
(13) Ohio commission <u>Commission on African-American males</u> African-Americans ;	26 27
(14) Chemical dependency professionals board;	28
(15) State vision professionals board;	29
(16) State speech and hearing professionals board.	30
(B) (1) Notwithstanding any other section of the Revised Code, the agency shall perform the following routine support services for the boards and commissions named in division (A) of this section unless the controlling board exempts a board or commission from this requirement on the recommendation of the director of administrative services:	31 32 33 34 35 36
(a) Preparing and processing payroll and other personnel documents;	37 38
(b) Preparing and processing vouchers, purchase orders, encumbrances, and other accounting documents;	39 40
(c) Maintaining ledgers of accounts and balances;	41

(d) Preparing and monitoring budgets and allotment plans	42
in consultation with the boards and commissions;	43
(e) Other routine support services that the director of	44
administrative services considers appropriate to achieve	45
efficiency.	46
(2) The agency may perform other services which a board or	47
commission named in division (A) of this section delegates to	48
the agency and the agency accepts.	49
(3) The agency may perform any service for any	50
professional or occupational licensing board not named in	51
division (A) of this section or any commission if the board or	52
commission requests such service and the agency accepts.	53
(C) The director of administrative services shall be the	54
appointing authority for the agency.	55
(D) The agency shall determine the fees to be charged to	56
the boards and commissions, which shall be in proportion to the	57
services performed for each board or commission.	58
(E) Each board or commission named in division (A) of this	59
section and any other board or commission requesting services	60
from the agency shall pay these fees to the agency from the	61
general revenue fund maintenance account of the board or	62
commission or from such other fund as the operating expenses of	63
the board or commission are paid. Any amounts set aside for a	64
fiscal year by a board or commission to allow for the payment of	65
fees shall be used only for the services performed by the agency	66
in that fiscal year. All receipts collected by the agency shall	67
be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the central	68
service agency fund, which is hereby created. All expenses	69
incurred by the agency in performing services for the boards or	70

commissions shall be paid from the fund. 71

(F) Nothing in this section shall be construed as a grant 72
of authority for the central service agency to initiate or deny 73
personnel or fiscal actions for the boards and commissions. 74

Sec. 4112.12. (A) There is hereby created the commission 75
on ~~African-American males~~African-Americans, which shall consist 76
of not more than ~~twenty-five~~ thirteen members as follows: the 77
directors or their designees of the departments of health, 78
development, mental health and addiction services, and job and 79
family services; ~~the equal employment opportunity officer of the~~ 80
~~department of administrative services or the equal employment~~ 81
~~opportunity officer's designee; the executive director or the~~ 82
~~executive director's designee of the Ohio civil rights~~ 83
~~commission; the executive director or the executive director's~~ 84
~~designee of the division of criminal justice services in the~~ 85
~~department of public safety; the superintendent of public~~ 86
instruction; the chancellor of higher education or the 87
chancellor's designee ~~of the Ohio board of regents~~; two members 88
of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the 89
house of representatives each of whom shall be members of 90
different political parties; and two members of the senate 91
appointed by the president of the senate each of whom shall be 92
members of different political parties. The members who are 93
members of the general assembly shall be nonvoting members. The 94
Ohio state university ~~African American and African studies~~ 95
~~community extension~~ Bell national resource center, in 96
consultation with the governor, shall appoint ~~four~~ two members 97
from the private corporate sector, ~~at least four members from~~ 98
~~the public sector, and two members from~~ or the nonprofit sector, 99
and one member with experience in the philanthropic community. 100

(B) Terms of office shall be for three years, except that 101
members of the general assembly appointed to the commission 102
shall be members only so long as they are members of the general 103
assembly. Each term ends on the same day of the same month as 104
did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office 105
from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which 106
the member was appointed. Members may be reappointed. Vacancies 107
shall be filled in the manner provided for original 108
appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring 109
prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's 110
predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the 111
remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office 112
subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the 113
member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days 114
has elapsed, whichever occurs first. 115

The commission annually shall elect a chairperson from 116
among its members. 117

(C) Members of the commission and members of subcommittees 118
appointed under division (B) of section 4112.13 of the Revised 119
Code shall not be compensated, but shall be reimbursed for their 120
necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of 121
their official duties. 122

(D) The Ohio state university ~~African American and African~~ 123
~~studies community extension~~ Bell national resource center, in 124
consultation with the governor, shall appoint an executive 125
director of the commission on ~~African American males~~ African- 126
Americans, who shall be in the unclassified civil service. The 127
executive director shall supervise the commission's activities 128
and report to the commission and to the Ohio state university 129
~~African American and African studies community extension~~ Bell 130

national resource center on the progress of those activities. 131
The executive director shall do all things necessary for the 132
efficient and effective implementation of the duties of the 133
commission. 134

The responsibilities assigned to the executive director do 135
not relieve the members of the commission from final 136
responsibility for the proper performance of the requirements of 137
this division. 138

(E) The commission on ~~African American males~~ African- 139
Americans shall do all of the following: 140

(1) Employ, promote, supervise, and remove all employees, 141
as needed, in connection with the performance of its duties 142
under this section; 143

(2) Maintain its office ~~in Columbus~~ at the Ohio state 144
university Bell national resource center; 145

(3) Acquire facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary 146
to house the commission, its employees, and files and records 147
under its control, and to discharge any duty imposed upon it by 148
law. The expense of these acquisitions shall be audited and paid 149
for in the same manner as other state expenses. 150

(4) Establish the overall policy and management of the 151
commission in accordance with this chapter; 152

(5) Follow all state procurement requirements; 153

(6) Implement the policies and plans of the Ohio state 154
university ~~African American and African studies community-~~ 155
~~extension~~ Bell national resource center as those policies and 156
plans are formulated and adopted by the ~~Ohio state university-~~ 157
~~African American and African studies community extension~~ center; 158

(7) Report to the Ohio state university ~~African American~~ 159
~~and African studies community extension~~ Bell national resource 160
center on the progress of the commission on ~~African American~~ 161
~~males~~ African-Americans in implementing the policies and plans 162
of the Ohio state university ~~African American and African~~ 163
~~studies community extension~~ center. 164

(F) The commission on ~~African American males~~ African- 165
Americans may: 166

(1) Hold sessions at any place within the state, except 167
that the commission ~~on African American males~~ shall meet at 168
least quarterly; 169

(2) Establish, change, or abolish positions, and assign 170
and reassign duties and responsibilities of any employee of the 171
commission ~~on African American males~~ as necessary to achieve the 172
most efficient performance of its functions. 173

(G) The Ohio state university ~~African American and African~~ 174
~~studies community extension~~ Bell national resource center shall 175
establish the overall policy and management of the commission on 176
~~African American males~~ African-Americans and shall direct, 177
manage, and oversee the commission. The Ohio state university 178
~~African American and African studies community extension~~ center 179
shall develop overall policies and plans, and the commission ~~on~~ 180
~~African American males~~ shall implement those policies and plans. 181
The commission ~~on African American males~~, through its executive 182
director, shall keep the Ohio state university ~~African American~~ 183
~~and African studies community extension~~ center informed as to 184
the activities of the commission ~~on African American males~~ in 185
such manner and at such times as the Ohio state university 186
~~African American and African studies community extension~~ center 187
shall determine. 188

The Ohio state university ~~African American and African studies community extension Bell national resource center~~ may prescribe duties and responsibilities of the commission ~~on African American males~~ in addition to those prescribed in section 4112.13 of the Revised Code.

(H) The Ohio state university ~~African American and African studies community extension Bell national resource center~~ annually shall contract for a report on the status of African Americans in this state. Issues to be evaluated in the report shall include the criminal justice system, education, employment, health care, and housing, and such other issues as the ~~Ohio state university African American and African studies community extension center~~ may specify. The report shall include policy recommendations relating to the issues covered in the report.

Sec. 4112.13. (A) In addition to any duties and responsibilities that the Ohio state university ~~African American and African studies community extension Bell national resource center~~ may prescribe for the commission on ~~African American males African-Americans~~ under section 4112.12 of the Revised Code, the commission ~~on African American males~~ shall do all of the following:

(1) Oversee and supervise four separate and distinct subcommittees devoted to solving problems and advancing recommendations exclusively pertinent to ~~black males African-Americans~~ in the areas of unemployment, criminal justice, education, and health;

(2) Conduct research to determine the nature and extent of the problems concerning ~~black males African-Americans~~ in the four areas targeted in division (A) (1) of this section;

(3) Hold public hearings for the purpose of collecting data;	219 220
(4) Identify existing federal, state, and local programs that address problems and solutions relevant to the four targeted areas of study;	221 222 223
(5) Implement appropriate new programs and demonstration projects especially designed for black males <u>African-Americans</u> ;	224 225
(6) Develop and implement community education and public awareness programs especially designed for black males <u>African-Americans</u> ;	226 227 228
(7) Develop strategies to improve the social condition of black males <u>African-Americans</u> ;	229 230
(8) Report to the governor, the general assembly, the auditor of state, the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the chief justice of the Ohio supreme court at least biennially on the activities, findings, and recommendations of the commission;	231 232 233 234 235
(9) Accept gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds from any public agency or private source to carry out any or all of the commission's powers or duties. Such funds shall be deposited in the commission on African-American males <u>African-Americans</u> fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. All gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds received by the commission under division (A) (9) of this section, when appropriated to the commission, shall be used solely to support the operations of the commission.	236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245
(B) The chairperson of the commission <u>on African-Americans</u> may appoint any number of individuals to serve on the	246 247

subcommittees created in division (A)(1) of this section. 248
Members of subcommittees serve at the discretion of the 249
chairperson. 250

Sec. 6301.10. Beginning January 1, 2013, and each calendar 251
year thereafter, the state board, with the assistance of all 252
state agencies engaged in workforce development activities, 253
shall prepare a report concerning the state of Ohio's workforce. 254
Upon completion of the annual workforce report, the state board 255
shall provide an electronic copy of the report to the president 256
and minority leader of the senate, the speaker and minority 257
leader of the house of representatives, the governor's office of 258
Appalachian Ohio, the commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs, and 259
the commission on ~~African American males~~African-Americans, and 260
shall post the report on the state board's internet web site. 261

Section 2. That existing sections 125.22, 4112.12, 262
4112.13, and 6301.10 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 263

Section 3. On the effective date of the amendment by this 264
act of section 4112.12 of the Revised Code, members of the 265
Commission on African-Americans who were appointed under that 266
section and are serving on that date as members from the private 267
corporate sector, the public sector, and the nonprofit sector, 268
shall cease to be members of the Commission on that date. 269

Not later than thirty days after the effective date of the 270
amendment by this act of section 4112.12 of the Revised Code, 271
the Ohio state university Bell national resource center, in 272
consultation with the governor, shall appoint, to the Commission 273
on African-Americans, two members from the private corporate 274
sector or from the nonprofit sector, and one member with 275
experience in the philanthropic community. The appointments 276
shall be for three year terms. An individual whose membership on 277

the Commission was terminated under this section may be	278
reappointed provided that the individual meets the	279
qualifications.	280