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A BILL

To enact sections 197.01, 197.03, 197.04, 197.05, 1
197.06, 197.07, 197.08, 197.11, 197.12, and 2
197.13 of the Revised Code to to create the 3
Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education 4
Commission and to make an appropriation. 5

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

Section 1. That sections 197.01, 197.03, 197.04, 197.05, 6
197.06, 197.07, 197.08, 197.11, 197.12, and 197.13 of the 7
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 197.01. As used in this chapter: 9

(A) (1) "Genocide" means an internationally-recognized 10
crime where the following acts are committed against a national, 11
ethnic, racial, or religious group's members with the intent to 12
destroy, in whole or in part, the group: 13

(a) Killing; 14

(b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm; 15

(c) Deliberately inflicting life conditions calculated to 16
bring about physical destruction, in whole or in part; 17

(d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births; 18

(e) Forcibly transferring a group's children to another 19
group. 20

(2) "Genocide" includes related crimes, including crimes 21
against humanity, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and mass 22
killing. 23

(B) "Holocaust" means the systematic, state-sponsored 24
persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by the 25
Nazi regime and its allies and collaborators. Other victims, 26
including the Roma and Sinti, also known as Gypsies, 27
homosexuals, Poles, people with disabilities, and Jehovah's 28
Witnesses, were also persecuted and murdered by the Nazi regime. 29

Sec. 197.03. There is hereby created the Holocaust and 30
genocide memorial and education commission. 31

Sec. 197.04. (A) The Holocaust and genocide memorial and 32
education commission shall consist of fifteen members as 33
follows: 34

(1) Two members shall be members of the house of 35
representatives appointed by the governor after consultation 36
with the speaker of the house of representatives, with one 37
member being from the majority party and one member being from 38
the minority party, to serve a term of the remainder of the 39
general assembly during which the representative is appointed; 40

(2) Two members shall be members of the senate appointed 41
by the governor after consultation with the president of the 42
senate, with one member being from the majority party and one 43

member being from the minority party, to serve a term of the 44
remainder of the general assembly during which the senator is 45
appointed; 46

(3) Three nonvoting ex officio members, to serve until the 47
ex officio member ceases to hold the applicable office: 48

(a) The superintendent of public instruction; 49

(b) The chancellor of higher education; 50

(c) The director of veterans services. 51

(4) Eight members shall be appointed by the governor with 52
the advice and consent of the senate, to serve a term of three 53
years, as follows: 54

(a) At least three members shall be involved in Holocaust 55
and genocide memorial and education or have a personal 56
connection or experience with the Holocaust or genocide; 57

(b) At least three members shall have expertise regarding 58
the Holocaust and investigation, analysis, or research regarding 59
genocide. 60

(B) Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided under 61
division (A) of this section. Any member appointed to fill a 62
vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which 63
the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the 64
remainder of that term. Any appointed member shall continue in 65
office subsequent to the expiration of that member's term until 66
the member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty 67
days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. 68

Sec. 197.05. (A) The Holocaust and genocide memorial and 69
education commission shall meet not less than six times during a 70
calendar year. 71

(B) On the first meeting, the commission shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and other officers from the voting members. 72
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(C) The commission shall adopt rules governing the commission. 75
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Sec. 197.06. Eight voting members of the Holocaust and genocide memorial and education commission constitute a quorum of the commission. No action of the commission shall be taken without the affirmative vote of eight voting members. 77
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Sec. 197.07. Members of the Holocaust and genocide memorial and education commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. 81
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Sec. 197.08. The Holocaust and genocide memorial and education commission shall do the following: 85
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(A) Gather and disseminate Holocaust and genocide information throughout this state; 87
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(B) Take inventory of current statewide Holocaust and genocide memorial and education programs and initiatives, and propose programming to fill program and initiative gaps; 89
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(C) Secure appropriate recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of Holocaust and genocide survivors, liberators, and Ohioans active in rescue and resettlement efforts, and make their stories accessible for educational purposes; 92
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(D) Promote public awareness of issues relating to Holocaust and genocide memorial and education through public education programs; 97
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(E) Partner with public and private organizations that 100
serve Holocaust and genocide survivors, veterans, and 101
liberators, including the Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust and 102
humanity center, the national veterans memorial and museum, the 103
Maltz museum of Jewish heritage, the national museum of the 104
United States air force, and local, state, national, or 105
international historical societies, museums, and memorials for 106
educational purposes; 107

(F) Advise and educate the governor, general assembly, and 108
state departments and agencies regarding the nature, magnitude, 109
and priorities of Holocaust and genocide memorial and education, 110
and develop policies and programs to address those needs; 111

(G) Seek opportunities to provide resources for schools to 112
teach effectively about the Holocaust and genocide; 113

(H) Review and approve grants that are administered or 114
subcontracted by the commission or the Holocaust and genocide 115
memorial and education office established under section 197.11 116
of the Revised Code; 117

(I) Coordinate with and provide information regarding 118
available state services to meet the needs of Holocaust and 119
genocide survivors, liberators, educators, students, and public 120
safety and law enforcement; 121

(J) Review and approve the annual report prepared by the 122
office under section 197.13 of the Revised Code. 123

Sec. 197.11. There is hereby created the Holocaust and 124
genocide memorial and education office to serve the Holocaust 125
and genocide memorial and education commission. 126

Sec. 197.12. The director of the Holocaust and genocide 127
memorial and education office shall be appointed by, and serve 128

at the pleasure of, the Holocaust and genocide memorial and 129
education commission. The director shall, with the commission's 130
approval, appoint employees as necessary to carry out the duties 131
of the office. The employees shall serve at the director's 132
pleasure. 133

Sec. 197.13. The Holocaust and genocide memorial and 134
education office shall do the following: 135

(A) Advise and provide information to the Holocaust and 136
genocide memorial and education commission on statewide programs 137
and new opportunities to further Holocaust and genocide memorial 138
and education; 139

(B) Serve as a clearinghouse to review, comment on, and 140
propose initiatives submitted to the office that meet Holocaust 141
and genocide memorial and education needs; 142

(C) Apply for and accept grants and gifts from public and 143
private sources to be administered by the office or 144
subcontracted to local public or nonprofit agencies that shall 145
use the grants and gifts for the purpose intended; 146

(D) Monitor and evaluate all programs subcontracted to 147
local public or nonprofit agencies and ensure that any grants or 148
gifts are being used for the purpose intended; 149

(E) Endeavor to ensure that Holocaust and genocide 150
survivors, liberators, educators, and others involved in 151
Holocaust and genocide education and memorial have access to 152
decision-making bodies in local, state, national, and 153
international departments, agencies, and genocide education and 154
memorial organizations; 155

(F) (1) Establish advisory committees for special subjects, 156
as needed, to facilitate and maximize community participation 157

and subject matter expertise in the operation of the commission; 158

(2) Advisory committees shall be comprised of members 159
representing community organizations, charitable institutions, 160
elementary and secondary schools, higher education institutions, 161
faith-based organizations, public officials, and other persons 162
as determined by the office. 163

(G) Establish relationships with local and state 164
governments, federal officials, nonprofit organizations, and the 165
private sector to promote and ensure the highest standards of 166
Holocaust and genocide memorial and education; 167

(H) Submit a written annual report of the office's 168
activities, accomplishments, and recommendations to the 169
commission. 170

Section 2. All appropriation items in this section are 171
 appropriated out of money in the state treasury to the credit of 172
 the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this 173
 section, the amounts in the first column are for fiscal year 174
 2022 and the amounts in the second column are for fiscal year 175
 2023. The appropriations made in this section are in addition to 176
 any other appropriations made for the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium. 177

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A	HGM HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE MEMORIAL AND EDUCATION COMMISSION				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	525501	Operating Expenses	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000

D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$	275,000	\$	275,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	275,000	\$	275,000

OPERATING EXPENSES 179

The foregoing appropriation item 525501, Operating Expenses, shall be used to support the operations of the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission established under section 197.03 of the Revised Code, including employment of a Director of the Office of the Commission and any other employees approved by the Commission. 180
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Section 3. Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 134th General Assembly. 186
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The appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 134th General Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 194
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