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A BILL

To establish a committee to study the progress and 1
challenges of African Americans in Ohio and to 2
amend Section 297.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 3
132nd General Assembly, as subsequently amended, 4
and to make an appropriation. 5

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

Section 1. (A) (1) There is hereby established a committee, 6
in recognition of the 400th anniversary of African Americans in 7
Ohio and the United States, to study the progress and challenges 8
of African Americans in Ohio. The committee shall review various 9
reports on African Americans in Ohio, including the Report of 10
the Ohio Commission on Racial Fairness, the Governor's Task 11
Force Report on Black and Minority Health, and any reports 12
prepared by public or private research institutions in Ohio that 13
the committee determines are relevant. 14

(2) After reviewing the reports specified under division 15
(A) (1) of this section, the committee shall prepare an initial 16
report of all of the following: 17

(a) The progress or lack of progress of African Americans 18

in Ohio with respect to housing, transportation, health, 19
education, employment, environment, business development, and 20
any other policy area that the committee chooses to consider; 21

(b) The contributions and achievements by African 22
Americans in Ohio; 23

(c) Recommendations for addressing the challenges 24
identified under division (A) (2) of this section for African 25
Americans in Ohio. 26

Not later than December 31, 2019, the initial report shall 27
be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with section 28
101.68 of the Revised Code and to the news media of Ohio. The 29
committee shall include with the report an announcement of the 30
schedule of hearings it will hold on the report in accordance 31
with division (A) (3) of this section. 32

(3) Not earlier than three months after submitting its 33
initial report under division (A) (2) of this section, the 34
committee shall reconvene for the purpose of holding hearings in 35
various parts of the state regarding its initial report. The 36
committee shall determine how many hearings to hold, the 37
schedule for these hearings, and the locations in which these 38
hearings will be held. These hearings shall be held over a 39
period of time that does not exceed four months. 40

The committee shall announce the schedule of the hearings 41
at the time it releases its initial report under division (A) (2) 42
of this section. 43

(4) Following the completion of the hearings held by the 44
committee under division (A) (3) of this section, the committee 45
shall revise its initial report based on the information 46
gathered during the hearings. Not later than October 31, 2020, 47

the committee shall submit its final report to the General 48
Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code 49
and to the news media of Ohio. Upon submission of the final 50
report under division (A) (4) of this section, the committee 51
shall be abolished. 52

(B) (1) The committee shall consist of ten members 53
appointed by the Governor, five members appointed by the 54
President of the Senate, five members appointed by the Minority 55
Leader of the Senate, five members appointed by the Speaker of 56
the House of Representatives, and five members appointed by the 57
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The appointed 58
members shall be representatives of all of the following: 59

(a) The Ohio History Connection; 60

(b) The National Museum of Afro-American History and 61
Culture; 62

(c) Public and private research institutions in Ohio, 63
including the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at the Ohio 64
State University, the Kirwan Institution for the Study of Race 65
and Ethnicity at the Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve 66
University, Cleveland State University, and the Health Policy 67
Institute of Ohio; 68

(d) The Ohio Civil Rights Commission. 69

(2) Within thirty days after the effective date of this 70
section, the committee shall hold its first meeting and select a 71
chairperson and vice-chairperson. 72

(3) The committee may, in its discretion, establish 73
subcommittees and designate members of the committee to serve on 74
those subcommittees. Each subcommittee may, in its discretion, 75
add members to the subcommittee that are not members of the 76

committee appointed under division (B) (1) of this section. 77

(4) The committee shall select, through an application 78
process, a research institute to provide staff support to the 79
committee. 80

(5) Committee members shall be reimbursed for actual and 81
necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. 82

Section 2. That Section 297.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 83
132nd General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 8 of the 84
132nd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows: 85

Sec. 297.10. OHS OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION 86

General Revenue Fund 87

GRF 360501 Education and 88

Collections \$ 4,155,712 \$ 4,155,712 89

GRF 360502 Site and Museum 90

Operations \$ 5,837,853 \$ 5,837,853 91

GRF 360504 Ohio Preservation 92

Office \$ 281,300 \$ 281,300 93

GRF 360505 National 94

Afro-American Museum \$ 485,000 \$ 485,000 95

GRF 360506 Hayes Presidential 96

Center \$ 485,000 \$ 485,000 97

GRF 360508 State Historical 98

Grants \$ 400,000 \$ 400,000 99

GRF 360509 Outreach and 100

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| Partnership | \$ 155,583 | \$ 155,583 | 101 |
| | | <u>295,583</u> | 102 |
| TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund | \$ 11,800,448 | \$ 11,800,448 | 103 |
| | | <u>11,940,448</u> | 104 |
| Dedicated Purpose Fund Group | | | 105 |
| 5KL0 360602 Ohio History Tax | | | 106 |
| Check-off | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | 107 |
| 5PD0 360603 Ohio History License | | | 108 |
| Plate | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 | 109 |
| TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund | | | 110 |
| Group | \$ 160,000 | \$ 160,000 | 111 |
| TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS | \$ 11,960,448 | \$ 11,960,448 | 112 |
| | | <u>12,100,448</u> | 113 |

SUBSIDY APPROPRIATION 114

Upon approval by the Director of Budget and Management, 115
the foregoing appropriation items shall be released to the Ohio 116
History Connection in quarterly amounts that in total do not 117
exceed the annual appropriations. The funds and fiscal records 118
of the Ohio History Connection for fiscal year 2018 and fiscal 119
year 2019 shall be examined by independent certified public 120
accountants approved by the Auditor of State, and a copy of the 121
audited financial statements shall be filed with the Office of 122
Budget and Management. The Ohio History Connection shall prepare 123
and submit to the Office of Budget and Management the following: 124

(A) An estimated operating budget for each fiscal year of 125
the biennium. The operating budget shall be submitted at or near 126
the beginning of each calendar year. 127

(B) Financial reports, indicating actual receipts and 128
expenditures for the fiscal year to date. These reports shall be 129
filed at least semiannually during the fiscal biennium. 130

The foregoing appropriations shall be considered to be the 131
contractual consideration provided by the state to support the 132
state's offer to contract with the Ohio History Connection under 133
section 149.30 of the Revised Code. 134

STATE HISTORICAL GRANTS 135

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State 136
Historical Grants, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used 137
for the Cincinnati Museum Center, \$100,000 in each fiscal year 138
shall be used for the Western Reserve Historical Society, 139
\$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Cleveland 140
Museum of Natural History, and \$100,000 in each fiscal year 141
shall be used for the Cleveland Institute of Art. 142

OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIP 143

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360509, Outreach and 144
Partnership, \$70,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to 145
the Ohio World War I Centennial Working Group. 146

Of the foregoing appropriation item 360509, Outreach and 147
Partnership, up to \$140,000 in fiscal year 2019 shall be used to 148
pay the expenses of the committee to study the progress and 149
challenges of African Americans in Ohio in carrying out its 150
functions established in Section 1 of ...B... of the 133rd 151
General Assembly. An amount equal to the unexpended and 152
unencumbered balance of the allocation in this paragraph at the 153
end of fiscal year 2019 is hereby reappropriated to 154
appropriation item 360509, Outreach and Partnership, for the 155
same purpose in fiscal year 2020. 156

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| Section 3. That existing Section 297.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. | 157 |
| 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 8 | 158 |
| of the 132nd General Assembly, is hereby repealed. | 159 |