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A BILL

To amend sections 125.22, 4112.12, 4112.13, and 6301.10 of the Revised Code to change the name of a commission to the Commission on African-Americans, to modify membership of and to provide operating funding for the Commission, and to make an appropriation. 1
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 125.22, 4112.12, 4112.13, and 6301.10 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 7
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Sec. 125.22. (A) The department of administrative services shall establish the central service agency to perform routine support for the following boards and commissions: 9
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(1) Architects board; 12

(2) State chiropractic board; 13

(3) State cosmetology and barber board; 14

(4) Accountancy board; 15

(5) State dental board; 16

(6) Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board;	17 18
(7) State board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors;	19 20
(8) Board of embalmers and funeral directors;	21
(9) State board of psychology;	22
(10) Counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board;	23 24
(11) State veterinary medical licensing board;	25
(12) Commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs;	26
(13) Ohio commission <u>Commission on African-American</u> males <u>African-Americans</u> ;	27 28
(14) Chemical dependency professionals board;	29
(15) State vision professionals board;	30
(16) State speech and hearing professionals board.	31
(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:	32 33 34 35 36 37
(a) Preparing and processing payroll and other personnel documents;	38 39
(b) Preparing and processing vouchers, purchase orders, encumbrances, and other accounting documents;	40 41
(c) Maintaining ledgers of accounts and balances;	42

(d) Preparing and monitoring budgets and allotment plans	43
in consultation with the boards and commissions;	44
(e) Other routine support services that the director of	45
administrative services considers appropriate to achieve	46
efficiency.	47
(2) The agency may perform other services which a board or	48
commission named in division (A) of this section delegates to	49
the agency and the agency accepts.	50
(3) The agency may perform any service for any	51
professional or occupational licensing board not named in	52
division (A) of this section or any commission if the board or	53
commission requests such service and the agency accepts.	54
(C) The director of administrative services shall be the	55
appointing authority for the agency.	56
(D) The agency shall determine the fees to be charged to	57
the boards and commissions, which shall be in proportion to the	58
services performed for each board or commission.	59
(E) Each board or commission named in division (A) of this	60
section and any other board or commission requesting services	61
from the agency shall pay these fees to the agency from the	62
general revenue fund maintenance account of the board or	63
commission or from such other fund as the operating expenses of	64
the board or commission are paid. Any amounts set aside for a	65
fiscal year by a board or commission to allow for the payment of	66
fees shall be used only for the services performed by the agency	67
in that fiscal year. All receipts collected by the agency shall	68
be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the central	69
service agency fund, which is hereby created. All expenses	70
incurred by the agency in performing services for the boards or	71

commissions shall be paid from the fund. 72

(F) Nothing in this section shall be construed as a grant 73
of authority for the central service agency to initiate or deny 74
personnel or fiscal actions for the boards and commissions. 75

Sec. 4112.12. (A) There is hereby created the commission 76
on ~~African American males~~African-Americans, which shall consist 77
of not more than ~~twenty-five~~ twelve members as follows: the 78
directors or their designees of the departments of health, 79
development, mental health and addiction services, and job and 80
family services; ~~the equal employment opportunity officer of the~~ 81
~~department of administrative services or the equal employment~~ 82
~~opportunity officer's designee; the executive director or the~~ 83
~~executive director's designee of the Ohio civil rights~~ 84
~~commission; the executive director or the executive director's~~ 85
~~designee of the division of criminal justice services in the~~ 86
~~department of public safety; the superintendent of public~~ 87
~~instruction; the chancellor or the chancellor's designee of the~~ 88
~~Ohio board of regents; two members of the house of~~ 89
representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of 90
representatives each of whom shall be members of different 91
political parties; and two members of the senate appointed by 92
the president of the senate each of whom shall be members of 93
different political parties. The members who are members of the 94
general assembly shall be nonvoting members. The Ohio state 95
university ~~African American and African studies community~~ 96
~~extension~~ Bell national resource center, in consultation with 97
the governor, shall appoint ~~four~~ two members from the private 98
corporate sector, ~~at least four members from the public sector,~~ 99
~~and two members from~~ or the nonprofit sector, and one member 100
with experience in the philanthropic community. 101

(B) Terms of office shall be for three years, except that 102
members of the general assembly appointed to the commission 103
shall be members only so long as they are members of the general 104
assembly. Each term ends on the same day of the same month as 105
did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office 106
from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which 107
the member was appointed. Members may be reappointed. Vacancies 108
shall be filled in the manner provided for original 109
appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring 110
prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's 111
predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the 112
remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office 113
subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the 114
member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days 115
has elapsed, whichever occurs first. 116

The commission annually shall elect a chairperson from 117
among its members. 118

(C) Members of the commission and members of subcommittees 119
appointed under division (B) of section 4112.13 of the Revised 120
Code shall not be compensated, but shall be reimbursed for their 121
necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of 122
their official duties. 123

(D) The Ohio state university ~~African American and African~~ 124
~~studies community extension~~ Bell national resource center, in 125
consultation with the governor, shall appoint an executive 126
director of the commission on ~~African American males~~ African- 127
Americans, who shall be in the unclassified civil service. The 128
executive director shall supervise the commission's activities 129
and report to the commission and to the Ohio state university 130
~~African American and African studies community extension~~ Bell 131

national resource center on the progress of those activities. 132
The executive director shall do all things necessary for the 133
efficient and effective implementation of the duties of the 134
commission. 135

The responsibilities assigned to the executive director do 136
not relieve the members of the commission from final 137
responsibility for the proper performance of the requirements of 138
this division. 139

(E) The commission on ~~African American males~~ African- 140
Americans shall do all of the following: 141

(1) Employ, promote, supervise, and remove all employees, 142
as needed, in connection with the performance of its duties 143
under this section; 144

(2) Maintain its office ~~in Columbus~~ at the Ohio state 145
university Bell national resource center; 146

(3) Acquire facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary 147
to house the commission, its employees, and files and records 148
under its control, and to discharge any duty imposed upon it by 149
law. The expense of these acquisitions shall be audited and paid 150
for in the same manner as other state expenses. 151

(4) Establish the overall policy and management of the 152
commission in accordance with this chapter; 153

(5) Follow all state procurement requirements; 154

(6) Implement the policies and plans of the Ohio state 155
university ~~African American and African studies community-~~ 156
~~extension~~ Bell national resource center as those policies and 157
plans are formulated and adopted by the ~~Ohio state university-~~ 158
~~African American and African studies community extension center~~; 159

(7) Report to the Ohio state university ~~African American~~ 160
~~and African studies community extension~~ Bell national resource 161
center on the progress of the commission on ~~African American~~ 162
~~males~~ African-Americans in implementing the policies and plans 163
of the Ohio state university ~~African American and African~~ 164
~~studies community extension~~ center. 165

(F) The commission on ~~African American males~~ African- 166
Americans may: 167

(1) Hold sessions at any place within the state, except 168
that the commission ~~on African American males~~ shall meet at 169
least quarterly; 170

(2) Establish, change, or abolish positions, and assign 171
and reassign duties and responsibilities of any employee of the 172
commission ~~on African American males~~ as necessary to achieve the 173
most efficient performance of its functions. 174

(G) The Ohio state university ~~African American and African~~ 175
~~studies community extension~~ Bell national resource center shall 176
establish the overall policy and management of the commission on 177
~~African American males~~ African-Americans and shall direct, 178
manage, and oversee the commission. The Ohio state university 179
~~African American and African studies community extension~~ center 180
shall develop overall policies and plans, and the commission ~~on~~ 181
~~African American males~~ shall implement those policies and plans. 182
The commission ~~on African American males~~, through its executive 183
director, shall keep the Ohio state university ~~African American~~ 184
~~and African studies community extension~~ center informed as to 185
the activities of the commission ~~on African American males~~ in 186
such manner and at such times as the Ohio state university 187
~~African American and African studies community extension~~ center 188
shall determine. 189

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;	220 221
(4) Identify existing federal, state, and local programs that address problems and solutions relevant to the four targeted areas of study;	222 223 224
(5) Implement appropriate new programs and demonstration projects especially designed for black males <u>African-Americans</u> ;	225 226
(6) Develop and implement community education and public awareness programs especially designed for black males <u>African-Americans</u> ;	227 228 229
(7) Develop strategies to improve the social condition of black males <u>African-Americans</u> ;	230 231
(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;	232 233 234 235 236
(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.	237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246
(B) The chairperson of the commission <u>on African-Americans</u> may appoint any number of individuals to serve on the	247 248

subcommittees created in division (A)(1) of this section. 249
Members of subcommittees serve at the discretion of the 250
chairperson. 251

Sec. 6301.10. Beginning January 1, 2013, and each calendar 252
year thereafter, the state board, with the assistance of all 253
state agencies engaged in workforce development activities, 254
shall prepare a report concerning the state of Ohio's workforce. 255
Upon completion of the annual workforce report, the state board 256
shall provide an electronic copy of the report to the president 257
and minority leader of the senate, the speaker and minority 258
leader of the house of representatives, the governor's office of 259
Appalachian Ohio, the commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs, and 260
the commission on ~~African American males~~African-Americans, and 261
shall post the report on the state board's internet web site. 262

Section 2. That existing sections 125.22, 4112.12, 263
4112.13, and 6301.10 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 264

Section 3. On the effective date of the amendment by this 265
act of section 4112.12 of the Revised Code, members of the 266
Commission on African-Americans who were appointed under that 267
section and are serving on that date as members from the private 268
corporate sector, the public sector, and the nonprofit sector, 269
shall cease to be members of the Commission on that date. 270

Not later than thirty days after the effective date of the 271
amendment by this act of section 4112.12 of the Revised Code, 272
the Ohio state university Bell national resource center, in 273
consultation with the governor, shall appoint, to the Commission 274
on African-Americans, two members from the private corporate 275
sector or from the nonprofit sector, and one member with 276
experience in the philanthropic community. The appointments 277
shall be for three year terms. An individual whose membership on 278

the Commission was terminated under this section may be 279
reappointed provided that the individual meets the 280
qualifications. 281

Section 4. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 282
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 283
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 284
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 285
2022 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2023. 286
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 287
any other operating appropriations made for the FY 2022-FY 2023 288
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Section 5. 290

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A	BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	235581	Commission on African- Americans	\$500,000	\$500,000
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$500,000	\$500,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$500,000	\$500,000

COMMISSION ON AFRICAN-AMERICANS 292

The foregoing appropriation item 235581, Commission on 293
African-Americans, shall be used to support the operations of 294
the Commission on African-Americans established under section 295

4112.12 of the Revised Code.	296
Section 6. Within the limits set forth in this act, the	297
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts	298
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation	299
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in	300
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures	301
from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be	302
accounted for as though made in H.B. 110 of the 134th General	303
Assembly. The operating appropriations made in this act are	304
subject to all provisions of H.B. 110 of the 134th General	305
Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations.	306