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Cosponsors: Senators Brown, Thomas, Williams, Sykes

A BILL

To establish a committee, in recognition of the 1
400th anniversary of African Americans in Ohio 2
and the United States, to study the progress and 3
challenges of African Americans in Ohio and to 4
amend Section 297.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 5
132nd General Assembly, as subsequently amended, 6
to make an appropriation. 7

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

Section 1. (A) (1) There is hereby established a committee, 8
in recognition of the 400th anniversary of African Americans in 9
Ohio and the United States, to study the progress and challenges 10
of African Americans in Ohio. The committee shall review various 11
reports on African Americans in Ohio, including the Report of 12
the Ohio Commission on Racial Fairness, the Governor's Task 13
Force Report on Black and Minority Health, and any reports 14
prepared by public or private research institutions in Ohio that 15
the committee determines are relevant. 16

(2) After reviewing the reports specified under division 17
(A) (1) of this section, the committee shall prepare an initial 18

report of all of the following: 19

(a) The progress or lack of progress of African Americans 20
in Ohio with respect to housing, transportation, health, 21
education, employment, environment, business development, and 22
any other policy area that the committee chooses to consider; 23

(b) The contributions and achievements by African 24
Americans in Ohio; 25

(c) Recommendations for addressing the challenges 26
identified under division (A) (2) of this section for African 27
Americans in Ohio. 28

Not later than December 31, 2019, the initial report shall 29
be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with section 30
101.68 of the Revised Code and to the news media of Ohio. The 31
committee shall include with the report an announcement of the 32
schedule of hearings it will hold on the report in accordance 33
with division (A) (3) of this section. 34

(3) Not earlier than three months after submitting its 35
initial report under division (A) (2) of this section, the 36
committee shall reconvene for the purpose of holding hearings in 37
various parts of the state regarding its initial report. The 38
committee shall determine how many hearings to hold, the 39
schedule for these hearings, and the locations in which these 40
hearings will be held. These hearings shall be held over a 41
period of time that does not exceed four months. 42

The committee shall announce the schedule of the hearings 43
at the time it releases its initial report under division (A) (2) 44
of this section. 45

(4) Following the completion of the hearings held by the 46
committee under division (A) (3) of this section, the committee 47

shall revise its initial report based on the information 48
gathered during the hearings. Not later than October 31, 2020, 49
the committee shall submit its final report to the General 50
Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code 51
and to the news media of Ohio. Upon submission of the final 52
report under division (A) (4) of this section, the committee 53
shall be abolished. 54

(B) (1) The committee shall consist of ten members 55
appointed by the Governor, five members appointed by the 56
President of the Senate, five members appointed by the Minority 57
Leader of the Senate, five members appointed by the Speaker of 58
the House of Representatives, and five members appointed by the 59
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The appointed 60
members shall be representatives of all of the following: 61

(a) The Ohio History Connection; 62

(b) The National Museum of Afro-American History and 63
Culture; 64

(c) Public and private research institutions in Ohio, 65
including the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at the Ohio 66
State University, the Kirwan Institution for the Study of Race 67
and Ethnicity at the Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve 68
University, Cleveland State University, and the Health Policy 69
Institute of Ohio. 70

(2) Within thirty days after the effective date of this 71
section, the committee shall hold its first meeting and select a 72
chairperson and vice-chairperson. 73

(3) The committee may, in its discretion, establish 74
subcommittees and designate members of the committee to serve on 75
those subcommittees. Each subcommittee may, in its discretion, 76

add members to the subcommittee that are not members of the 77
committee appointed under division (B) (1) of this section. 78

(4) The committee shall select, through an application 79
process, a research institute to provide staff support to the 80
committee. 81

(5) Committee members shall be reimbursed for actual and 82
necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. 83

Section 2. That Section 297.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 84
132nd General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 8 of the 85
132nd General Assembly, be amended to read as follows: 86

Sec. 297.10. OHS OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION 87

General Revenue Fund 88

GRF 360501 Education and 89

Collections \$ 4,155,712 \$ 4,155,712 90

GRF 360502 Site and Museum 91

Operations \$ 5,837,853 \$ 5,837,853 92

GRF 360504 Ohio Preservation 93

Office \$ 281,300 \$ 281,300 94

GRF 360505 National 95

Afro-American Museum \$ 485,000 \$ 485,000 96

GRF 360506 Hayes Presidential 97

Center \$ 485,000 \$ 485,000 98

GRF 360508 State Historical 99

Grants \$ 400,000 \$ 400,000 100

GRF	360509	Outreach and			101
		Partnership	\$ 155,583	\$ 155,583	102
				<u>295,583</u>	103
TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund		\$ 11,800,448	\$ 11,800,448	104
				<u>11,940,448</u>	105
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group					106
5KL0	360602	Ohio History Tax			107
		Check-off	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	108
5PD0	360603	Ohio History License			109
		Plate	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	110
TOTAL DPF	Dedicated Purpose Fund				111
Group			\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	112
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$ 11,960,448	\$ 11,960,448	113
				<u>12,100,448</u>	114

SUBSIDY APPROPRIATION 115

Upon approval by the Director of Budget and Management, 116
the foregoing appropriation items shall be released to the Ohio 117
History Connection in quarterly amounts that in total do not 118
exceed the annual appropriations. The funds and fiscal records 119
of the Ohio History Connection for fiscal year 2018 and fiscal 120
year 2019 shall be examined by independent certified public 121
accountants approved by the Auditor of State, and a copy of the 122
audited financial statements shall be filed with the Office of 123
Budget and Management. The Ohio History Connection shall prepare 124
and submit to the Office of Budget and Management the following: 125

(A) An estimated operating budget for each fiscal year of 126

the biennium. The operating budget shall be submitted at or near	127
the beginning of each calendar year.	128
(B) Financial reports, indicating actual receipts and	129
expenditures for the fiscal year to date. These reports shall be	130
filed at least semiannually during the fiscal biennium.	131
The foregoing appropriations shall be considered to be the	132
contractual consideration provided by the state to support the	133
state's offer to contract with the Ohio History Connection under	134
section 149.30 of the Revised Code.	135
STATE HISTORICAL GRANTS	136
Of the foregoing appropriation item 360508, State	137
Historical Grants, \$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used	138
for the Cincinnati Museum Center, \$100,000 in each fiscal year	139
shall be used for the Western Reserve Historical Society,	140
\$100,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Cleveland	141
Museum of Natural History, and \$100,000 in each fiscal year	142
shall be used for the Cleveland Institute of Art.	143
OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIP	144
Of the foregoing appropriation item 360509, Outreach and	145
Partnership, \$70,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to	146
the Ohio World War I Centennial Working Group.	147
<u>Of the foregoing appropriation item 360509, Outreach and</u>	148
<u>Partnership, up to \$140,000 in fiscal year 2019 shall be used to</u>	149
<u>pay the expenses of the committee to study the progress and</u>	150
<u>challenges of African Americans in Ohio in carrying out its</u>	151
<u>functions established in Section 1 of this act. An amount equal</u>	152
<u>to the unexpended and unencumbered balance of the allocation in</u>	153
<u>this paragraph at the end of fiscal year 2019 is hereby</u>	154
<u>reappropriated to appropriation item 360509, Outreach and</u>	155

Partnership, for the same purpose in fiscal year 2020. 156

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