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**S.B. 219**  
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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Craig

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The bill appropriates GRF funding of \$500,000 in each of FY 2022 and FY 2023 to the Department of Higher Education to resume the operations of the renamed Commission on African-Americans. The Commission is housed under the Ohio State University but has been dormant since 2011.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill appropriates \$500,000 in each of FY 2022 and FY 2023 to GRF line item 235581, Commission on African-Americans, in the Department of Higher Education's budget, to support the resumption of operations at the renamed Commission on African-Americans. Beginning in October 2007, oversight authority of the Commission on African-American Males (CAAM), along with its state appropriations, were transferred to the Ohio State University (OSU). According to OSU, CAAM last met in 2011. Under current law, CAAM consists of 25 members and is required to focus its various efforts towards black males. In addition to renaming the Commission, the bill expands the Commission's focus to all African-Americans and reduces the total membership to 12. Under continuing law, Commission members are not compensated but are reimbursed for the necessary and actual expenses they incur as part of their job duties. Finally, the bill transfers certain responsibilities of OSU's African American and African Studies Community Extension Center to its Bell National Resource Center, where the Commission will maintain its office.