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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Reynolds and Sykes

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill creates the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the state treasury, and requires grants or gifts the New African Immigrants Commission receives be credited to the fund, as well as any money the General Assembly transfers or appropriates to it. Current law permits the Commission to apply for and accept grants and gifts from governmental and private sources, but is silent on where such money is to be placed or kept. This essentially addresses an accounting matter that has no substantive effect on state finances. The Commission is limited in using the money credited to the newly created fund to support the commission's duties. The fund will retain its investment earnings.

The New African Immigrants Commission's purpose is to gather and disseminate information regarding problems and programs concerning sub-Saharan African people, and is required to perform specified duties. The Commission was created effective April 7, 2009, pursuant to H.B. 500 of the 127th General Assembly. The Commission consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The members are prohibited from being compensated for their work as members. To date, no funds have been appropriated for the Commission's use. The bill does not provide an appropriation nor does it create any fiscal impacts on the state's political subdivisions.