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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- GRF expenditures may increase by several hundred thousand dollars per year to support the operating expenses of the newly created Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission. The bill does not appropriate operating funds for the Commission.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission as a new stand-alone state agency. The Commission is tasked with, among other duties, promoting public awareness of Holocaust and genocide memorial and education, recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Holocaust and genocide survivors and liberators, partnering with public and private organizations for educational purposes, taking inventory of current programs and initiatives and proposing additional educational programming, and advising and educating state government officials and agencies.

The Commission's day-to-day operations will be handled by an office consisting of a director appointed by the Commission, and any additional employees the Director deems necessary to carry out the duties of the office. Under the bill, additional employees require the Commission's approval and serve at the pleasure of the Director. Duties of the office include advising the Commission on existing programming and new opportunities, establishing advisory committees as needed, submitting an annual report to the Commission, applying for or subcontracting grants, and facilitating outreach with local, state, national, nonprofit, and private sector entities.

The operating costs of the Commission will likely be supported by the GRF and may be several hundred thousand dollars annually. This amount is comparable to such costs for the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs, upon whose statute the bill is modeled and which currently employs a staff of three full-time permanent employees and one intermittent part-time

employee. The bill does not appropriate funds for the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission's operations.

The Commission's governing authority consists of 15 members. The Commission must meet at least six times per calendar year. The Commission's members will serve without compensation but are to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Such expenses typically include travel to and from Commission meetings, attendance at conferences (registration, travel, and, if applicable, lodging), and any training or orientation costs, among others. Please see [LSC's bill analysis](#) for more detail on the Commission's members and duties of both the Commission and its administrative office.