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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Sykes

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. Current law permits the New African Immigrants 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. The bill creates the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the state treasury, and requires grants or gifts the Commission receives be placed in the fund, as well as any money the General Assembly appropriates to it. This essentially addresses an accounting matter that has no substantive effect on state finances.

The 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.