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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Jarrells and T. Young

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill does not appear to have any direct fiscal impacts to state or local government entities. The bill replaces various statutory terms related to people with disabilities or mental illness and updates various statutory provisions. The bill also makes changes to the name, membership, and focus of the Commission on African-American Males (CAAM). Since October 2007, CAAM has been housed under the Ohio State University (OSU). According to OSU, CAAM last met in 2011. Under current law, CAAM consists of up to 25 members and is required to focus its various efforts towards black males. In addition to renaming CAAM the Commission on African-Americans, the bill expands the Commission's focus to all African-Americans and reduces the total membership to 13. 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. Reducing the Commission's membership may reduce these reimbursements if it resumes operations. 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.