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S.B. 219 134th General Assembly Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Finance

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Craig

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill appears to have no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. The bill 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 CAAM's membership may reduce these reimbursements if CAAM 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.

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