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S.B. 148\*  
134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

## Bill Analysis

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**Version:** As Reported by Senate Finance

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Sykes

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### SUMMARY

- Establishes the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the state treasury.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund

The bill creates the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the state treasury. The New African Immigrants Commission must use money in the fund to support the Commission's duties.<sup>1</sup> The fund consists of money transferred or appropriated by the General Assembly as well as money received as a gift or grant under the Commission's authority to accept gifts and grants.<sup>2</sup>

#### New African Immigrants Commission

Under continuing law, the duties of the New African Immigrants Commission include collecting and sharing information about problems and programs concerning sub-Saharan African people, securing recognition of the contributions of sub-Saharan African people to Ohio, cultivating awareness of sub-Saharan African people, developing programs for sub-Saharan African people, recommending policies to the Governor, General Assembly, and state agencies to address problems facing sub-Saharan African people, and more.<sup>3</sup> Most relevant to the bill is

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\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Finance Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4112.33.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4112.33; R.C. 4112.31, not in the bill.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4112.31, not in the bill; the members of the Commission are enumerated in R.C. 4112.32, not in the bill.

the Commission’s continuing duty to “apply for and accept grants and gifts from governmental and private sources to be administered by the Commission or subcontracted to local agencies.”<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-25-21
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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 4112.31(K), not in the bill.