



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 107.24 Office of eastern European affairs.

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(A) There is created the office of eastern European affairs. The office shall serve the commission on eastern European affairs, which shall appoint a director for the office. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

(B) The director of the office of eastern European affairs, with approval of the commission on eastern European affairs, shall appoint employees as are necessary to carry out the duties of the office. The employees shall serve at the pleasure of the director.

(C) The office shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide information and advise the commission of eastern European affairs on proposed solutions to problems of eastern European people;

(2) Serve as a clearinghouse to review and comment on all proposals to meet the needs of eastern European people that are submitted to the office by public and private agencies;

(3) Apply for and accept grants and gifts from government and private sources to be administered by the office or subcontracted to local agencies, as long as the local agencies use the grants and gifts for the public purpose intended;

(4) Monitor and evaluate all programs subcontracted to local agencies by the commission on eastern European affairs and ensure that any grants and gifts from the government are being used for the public purpose intended;

(5) Endeavor to ensure that eastern European people have access to decision-making bodies in all state and local government departments and agencies;

(6) Submit a written annual report of the office's activities, accomplishments, and recommendations



to the commission on eastern European affairs;

(7) Establish an advisory committee for special subjects, as needed, to facilitate and maximize community participation in the operation of the commission on eastern European affairs. An advisory committee shall be made up of persons representing community organizations, charitable institutions, public officials, and other persons as determined by the office.

(8) Establish relationships with local governments, state governments, and private businesses that promote and ensure equal opportunity for eastern European people in government, education, and employment.