



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4112.13 Commission - powers and duties.

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(A) In addition to any duties and responsibilities that the Ohio state university Bell national resource center may prescribe for the commission on African-Americans under section 4112.12 of the Revised Code, the commission shall do all of the following:

- (1) Oversee and supervise four separate and distinct subcommittees devoted to solving problems and advancing recommendations exclusively pertinent to African-Americans in the areas of unemployment, criminal justice, education, and health;
- (2) Conduct research to determine the nature and extent of the problems concerning African-Americans in the four areas targeted in division (A)(1) of this section;
- (3) Hold public hearings for the purpose of collecting data;
- (4) Identify existing federal, state, and local programs that address problems and solutions relevant to the four targeted areas of study;
- (5) Implement appropriate new programs and demonstration projects especially designed for African-Americans;
- (6) Develop and implement community education and public awareness programs especially designed for African-Americans;
- (7) Develop strategies to improve the social condition of African-Americans;
- (8) Report to the governor, the general assembly, the auditor of state, the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the chief justice of the Ohio supreme court at least biennially on the activities, findings, and recommendations of the commission;



(9) Accept gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds from any public agency or private source to carry out any or all of the commission's powers or duties. Such funds shall be deposited in the commission on African-Americans fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. All gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds received by the commission under division (A)(9) of this section, when appropriated to the commission, shall be used solely to support the operations of the commission.

(B) The chairperson of the commission on African-Americans may appoint any number of individuals to serve on the subcommittees created in division (A)(1) of this section. Members of subcommittees serve at the discretion of the chairperson.