

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:73-25.1 to 18A:73-25.4

(Afro American History Program —
establish within Historical Commission
- appropriate \$75,000)

LAWS OF: 1983

CHAPTER: 339

Bill No: A2104

Sponsor(s): Garvin and others

Date Introduced: November 23, 1982

Committee: Assembly: Education

Senate: Education

Amended during passage: NO

Date of Passage: Assembly: April 11, 1983

Senate: June 20, 1983

Date of Approval: September 6, 1983

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: YES

Committee statement: Assembly YES

Senate YES

Fiscal Note: NO

Veto Message: NO

Message on Signing: NO

Following were printed:

Reports: NO

Hearings: NO

Sponsor's State ment:

This bill appropriates \$75,000.00 for the establishment of an Afro-American History Program within the New Jersey Historical Commission. The purpose of this program is to foster the study of Afro-American history and to direct public attention to the varied and vast scope of participation of our Afro-Americans in the development of New Jersey and our nation.

APPROPRIATION HISTORY

ASSEMBLY, No. 2104

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 23, 1982

By Assemblywoman GARVIN, Assemblymen BRYANT, HERMAN,
THOMPSON, McENROE, BROWN, DORIA, CHARLES,
FORTUNATO and WATSON

AN ACT establishing a New Jersey Afro-American History Program within the New Jersey Historical Commission, supplementing chapter 73 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and making an appropriation.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

2 a. The Afro-American population of the State of New Jersey and
3 the United States of America has made unique and indispensable
4 contributions to the history of the State of New Jersey and the
5 United States;

6 b. For many generations the role of Afro-Americans has been
7 largely neglected in the writing and teaching of history, to the
8 educational detriment of all Americans;

9 c. It is the responsibility of the government of this State to
10 provide the people of New Jersey with opportunities to learn about
11 the history of the State and the nation in an accurate and compre-
12 hensive manner; and

13 d. This Legislature has vested in the New Jersey Historical
14 Commission the authority to plan and carry out programs to
15 advance public knowledge of the history of New Jersey and the
16 United States.

1 2. There is established a New Jersey Afro-American History
2 Program to be directed, administered and conducted by the New

3 Jersey Historical Commission. It is the purpose of the program to
4 promote the advancement of public knowledge of the history of
5 Afro-Americans in this State.

1 3. The program shall include such activities as the commission
2 deems desirable and practicable and shall include:

3 a. Conducting, sponsoring and assisting scholarly research and
4 publication;

5 b. Conducting, sponsoring and assisting such public programs as
6 conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops, exhibitions and per-
7 forming arts programs;

8 c. Conducting and assisting oral history projects;

9 d. Producing student and teacher resource materials for use in
10 teaching Afro-American history in the public schools of this State
11 pursuant to N. J. S. 18A :35-1 and serving as a repository for these
12 materials;

13 e. Assisting New Jersey libraries, museums and historical
14 agencies in their efforts to collect materials relative to the history
15 of Afro-Americans in this State;

16 f. Assisting historic preservation agencies and organizations in
17 their efforts to preserve and interpret significant sites associated
18 with Afro-American history in New Jersey; and

19 g. Serving as an information center and liaison among the
20 various organizations and institutions in New Jersey concerned
21 with Afro-American history.

1 4. The New Jersey Historical Commission shall employ a pro-
2 gram director and such other personnel as may be necessary to
3 implement the provisions of this act and as may be within the
4 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for
5 this purpose.

1 5. There is appropriated for the purpose of this act the sum of
2 \$75,000.00.

1 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2104

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 3, 1983

PROVISIONS

This bill appropriates \$75,000.00 to establish an Afro-American history program within the New Jersey Historical Commission.

BACKGROUND

Currently, there is no systematic effort in New Jersey to stimulate the development of Afro-American history in the schools and among the various institutions concerned with the writing of history, the collection or preservation of historical materials or documents, the publication of scholarly works on New Jersey history and the history of Afro-Americans in New Jersey. This appropriation would enable the Historical Commission to act as a catalyst among universities, historical societies, schools and other institutions in a systematic, statewide effort to develop Afro-American history. Development would include such activities as stimulating research and scholarship by giving assistance to research and scholars, helping libraries who are interested in building their collections, helping museums who wish to establish exhibitions and providing support for the publication of books and curriculum material concerning the history of Afro-Americans in New Jersey.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2104

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 23, 1983

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill and endorses the Assembly Education Committee statement which reads as follows:

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