

§ 121.32. Duties of commission.

The commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs shall:

- (A) Gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, investigations, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Spanish-speaking people;
- (B) Secure appropriate recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of Spanish-speaking people to this state;
- (C) Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Spanish-speaking people by conducting a program of public education;
- (D) Develop, coordinate, and assist other public and private organizations that serve Spanish-speaking people, including the conducting of training programs for community leadership and service project staff;
- (E) Advise the governor, general assembly, and state departments and agencies of the nature, magnitude, and priorities of the problems of Spanish-speaking people;
- (F) Advise the governor, general assembly, and state departments and agencies on, and assist in the development and implementation of, comprehensive and coordinated policies, programs, and procedures focusing on the special problems and needs of Spanish-speaking people, especially in the fields of education, employment, energy, health, housing, welfare, and recreation;
- (G) Propose new programs concerning Spanish-speaking people to public and private agencies and evaluate for such agencies existing programs or prospective legislation concerning Spanish-speaking people;
- (H) Review and approve grants to be made from federal, state, or private funds which are administered or subcontracted by the office of Spanish-speaking affairs;
- (I) Review and approve the annual report prepared by the office of Spanish-speaking affairs;
- (J) Create an interagency council consisting of the following persons or their authorized representatives: one member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; the directors of administrative services, agriculture, education, development, health, highway safety, job and family services, liquor control, mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, natural resources, rehabilitation and correction, youth services, transportation, environmental protection, and budget and management; the chairperson of the Ohio civil rights commission, the administrators of the bureau of workers' compensation and the rehabilitation services commission, and an additional member of the governor's cabinet appointed by the governor. The commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs, by rule, may designate other state officers or their representatives to be members of the council. The director of the commission shall be the chairperson of the council.

The interagency council shall provide and coordinate the exchange of information relative to the needs of Spanish-speaking people and promote the delivery of state services to such people. The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

§ 121.33. Office of Hispanic-Latino affairs created; powers and duties.

The office of Hispanic-Latino affairs is hereby created. The office shall be accountable to the commission on Hispanic-Latino affairs. The chief administrator of the office shall be the director of Hispanic-Latino affairs, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission.

The director, with the approval of the commission, shall appoint such employees as are necessary to carry out the duties of the office. The employees shall serve at the pleasure of the director.

The office shall compile and provide information to the commission about, and advise it on, solutions to the problems of Spanish-speaking people. The office shall execute the tasks assigned to it by the commission which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (A) Serve as a clearinghouse to review and comment on all proposals to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking people that are submitted to it by public and private agencies;
- (B) Apply for and accept grants and gifts from governmental and private sources to be administered by the office or subcontracted to local agencies;
- (C) Monitor and evaluate all programs subcontracted to local agencies by the commission;
- (D) Endeavor to assure that Spanish-speaking people have access to decision-making bodies in all state and local governmental departments and agencies;
- (E) Submit a full written annual report of its activities, accomplishments, and recommendations to the commission;
- (F) Establish advisory committees on special subjects as needed to facilitate and maximize community participation in the operation of the commission. The committees shall be composed of persons representing community organizations and charitable institutions, public officials, and such other persons as the office determines.
- (G) Establish with state and local governments and private business and industry relationships that promote and assure equal opportunity for Spanish-speaking people in government, education, and employment.