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LEGISLATIVE BILL 69

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs;
- 2 to amend section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 change requirements relating to meetings; to require a report; and
- 4 to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 81-2606 (1) The commission shall meet at least once every calendar
4 quarter in the city with the largest African American population. Public
5 notice of a meeting shall be required no later than seven calendar days
6 prior to the date of such meeting and shall be published on the
7 commission's website, social media, and shared with local media outlets.
8 Meetings shall be held in January, April, July, and October. Special
9 meetings may be called at the request of eight voting members. Eight
10 voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
11 transaction of business.

12 (2) The office of any member of the commission who, without a valid
13 excuse, fails to attend quarterly or special meetings shall be vacant.

14 (3) The commission shall electronically submit an annual report to
15 the Clerk of the Legislature containing a summary of the following:

16 (a) An overview of the commission's mission, key achievements,
17 challenges, and primary goals for the coming year;

18 (b) Legislative advocacy and policy impact including the
19 commission's role in supporting or proposing legislation, policies for
20 which the commission advocated, supported, or implemented that impacted
21 the African American community and the progress made on the policies
22 described in sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;

23 (c) Community engagement programs including initiatives, outreach,
24 public forums, and partnerships with community organizations;

25 (d) Economic development initiatives including efforts to improve
26 economic opportunities within the African American community, employment
27 programs, small business support, training, and progress in reducing
28 economic disparities;

29 (e) Education and workforce development including educational
30 initiatives, such as scholarships, mentoring programs, partnerships with
31 schools, and efforts to ensure African American youth and adults have

1 access to career advancement opportunities;

2 (f) Health and wellness initiatives including programs that address
3 health disparities, wellness promotion, and increasing access to
4 healthcare resources;

5 (g) Criminal justice and public safety efforts including those that
6 address disparities in the criminal justice system, programs for formerly
7 incarcerated individuals, and improvements in police-community relations;

8 (h) Housing and community development including initiatives to
9 address issues such as affordable housing, eviction prevention efforts,
10 and partnerships with housing agencies;

11 (i) Metrics and key performance indicators including data that
12 demonstrates the impact of each program or initiative, such as employment
13 rates, graduation rates, health outcomes, and recidivism rates in the
14 African American community;

15 (j) Financial information including the commission's budget, funding
16 sources, expenditures, grants received, and public funds allocated;

17 (k) Public feedback and a community needs assessment including
18 feedback from the community on the effectiveness of the commission's work
19 and priority areas for improvement; and

20 (l) Future goals and strategic plans including goals for the
21 upcoming year and long-term objectives with a focus on addressing
22 challenges and advancing the commission's mission.

23 **Sec. 2.** Original section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of
24 Nebraska, is repealed.