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National Council on African American History and Culture Act of 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 727	Identical bill	**Feb 1, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of Feb 1, 2023)

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This bill establishes within the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) a National Council on African American History and Culture.

The council shall

- prepare an annual report to be submitted to NEH on the work of NEH to preserve and celebrate African-American history and culture;
- gather timely and authoritative information concerning historical developments and cultural trends in African-American history and culture and take other specified steps;
- evaluate the various programs and activities of NEH to determine the extent to which such programs and activities are contributing to the successful preservation and celebration of African-American history and culture and make recommendations to the President;
- develop and recommend national policies to foster and promote the understanding and preservation of African-American culture and the celebration of African Americans as contributors to the country's success; and
- make and furnish such studies, reports thereon, and recommendations with respect to matters of cultural preservation and African-American history.

The bill terminates the council 10 years after its enactment.

Actions Timeline

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