

By Senator Gibson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Closing the Gap grant program;
3 amending s. 381.7355, F.S.; requiring a Closing the
4 Gap grant proposal to address racial and ethnic
5 disparities in morbidity and mortality rates relating
6 to Lupus; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
11 381.7355, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 381.7355 Project requirements; review criteria.—

13 (2) A proposal must include each of the following elements:

14 (a) The purpose and objectives of the proposal, including
15 identification of the particular racial or ethnic disparity the
16 project will address. The proposal must address one or more of
17 the following priority areas:

18 1. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in maternal and
19 infant mortality rates.

20 2. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
21 and mortality rates relating to cancer.

22 3. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
23 and mortality rates relating to HIV/AIDS.

24 4. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
25 and mortality rates relating to cardiovascular disease.

26 5. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
27 and mortality rates relating to diabetes.

28 6. Increasing adult and child immunization rates in certain
29 racial and ethnic populations.

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30 7. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in oral health
31 care.

32 8. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
33 and mortality rates relating to sickle cell disease.

34 9. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
35 and mortality rates relating to Lupus.

36 ~~10.9.~~ Improve neighborhood social determinants of health,
37 such as transportation, safety, and food access, as outlined by
38 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Tools for
39 Putting Social Determinants of Health into Action."

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.