

Bill No. CS for SB 2220

Amendment No.

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11	Senator Dawson-White moved the following amendment to		
12	amendment (333964):		
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
15	On page 276, between lines 26 and 27,		
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17	insert:		
18	Section 201. <u>The Minority HIV and AIDS Task Force.--</u>		
19	<u>(1) There is created within the Department of Health</u>		
20	<u>the Minority HIV and AIDS Task Force to develop and provide</u>		
21	<u>specific recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, and</u>		
22	<u>the Department of Health on ways to strengthen HIV and AIDS</u>		
23	<u>prevention programs and early intervention and treatment</u>		
24	<u>efforts in the state's black, Hispanic, and other minority</u>		
25	<u>communities, as well as ways to address the many needs of the</u>		
26	<u>state's minorities infected with AIDS and their families.</u>		
27	<u>(2) The Secretary of Health shall appoint at least 15</u>		
28	<u>members to the task force. The members must include, but need</u>		
29	<u>not be limited to, representatives from:</u>		
30	<u>(a) Persons infected with the human immunodeficiency</u>		
31	<u>virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).</u>		

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1 (b) Minority community-based support organizations.

2 (c) Minority treatment providers.

3 (d) The religious community within groups of persons
4 infected with HIV or AIDS.

5 (e) The Department of Health.

6 (3) The task force shall meet as often as necessary to
7 carry out its duties and responsibilities. Within existing
8 resources, the Department of Health shall provide support
9 services to the task force.

10 (4) The members of the task force shall serve without
11 compensation.

12 (5) The task force shall prepare and submit a report
13 of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the
14 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives by February 1, 2001. The report must include:

16 (a) Specific strategies for reducing the risk of HIV
17 and AIDS in the state's minority communities.

18 (b) A plan for establishing mentor programs and
19 exchanging information and ideas among minority
20 community-based organizations that provide HIV and AIDS
21 prevention services.

22 (c) The needs of prevention and treatment programs
23 within communities and the resources that are available within
24 minority communities.

25 (d) Specific strategies for ensuring that minority
26 persons who are at risk of HIV and AIDS infection seek
27 testing.

28 (e) Specific strategies for ensuring that persons who
29 test positive for HIV or AIDS are provided with access to
30 treatment and secondary prevention services.

31 (f) Specific strategies to help reduce or eliminate

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1 high-risk behaviors in persons who test negative but continue
2 to practice high-risk behaviors.

3 (g) A plan to evaluate the implementation of the
4 recommendations of the task force.

5 (6) The task force is abolished on July 1, 2001.

6 Section 202. Statewide HIV and AIDS prevention
7 campaign.--

8 (1) The Department of Health shall develop and
9 implement a statewide HIV and AIDS prevention campaign that is
10 directed towards minorities who are at risk of HIV infection.

11 The campaign shall include television, radio, and outdoor
12 advertising; public service announcements; and peer-to-peer
13 outreach. Each campaign message and concept shall be evaluated
14 with members of the target group to ensure its effectiveness.
15 The campaign shall provide information on the risk of HIV and
16 AIDS infection and strategies to follow for prevention, early
17 detection, and treatment. The campaign shall use culturally
18 sensitive literature and educational materials and promote the
19 development of individual skills for behavior modification.

20 (2) The Department of Health shall establish four
21 positions within the department for HIV and AIDS regional
22 minority coordinators and one position for a statewide HIV and
23 AIDS minority coordinator. The coordinators shall facilitate
24 statewide efforts to implement and coordinate HIV and AIDS
25 prevention and treatment programs. The statewide coordinator
26 shall report directly to the chief of the Bureau of HIV and
27 AIDS within the Department of Health.

28 (3) The Department of Health shall, with assistance
29 from the Minority HIV and AIDS Task Force and the statewide
30 coordinator, plan and conduct a statewide Black Leadership
31 Conference on HIV and AIDS by January 2000. The conference

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1 shall provide workshops for minority organizations in building
2 skills and improving an organization's capacity to conduct HIV
3 and AIDS prevention and treatment programs.

4 Section 203. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from
5 the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the
6 purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 201 and 202
7 of this act during the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

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9 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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12 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

13 And the title is amended as follows:

14 On page 296, line 29, after the semicolon,

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16 insert:

17 creating the Minority HIV and AIDS Task Force
18 within the Department of Health; requiring the
19 task force to develop recommendations on ways
20 to strengthen HIV and AIDS prevention and
21 treatment programs in minority communities;
22 requiring the Secretary of Health to appoint
23 the members of the task force; requiring that
24 the task force include representatives of
25 certain groups and organizations; providing for
26 the members to serve without compensation;
27 requiring a report to the Legislature;
28 providing for the task force to be abolished on
29 a specified date; requiring that the Department
30 of Health develop and implement a statewide HIV
31 and AIDS prevention campaign that is directed

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to minorities; providing requirements for the
campaign; requiring the department to establish
positions within the department for regional
and statewide coordinators; requiring that the
department conduct a Black Leadership
Conference on HIV and AIDS by a specified date;
providing an appropriation;