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Senator Dawson-White moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 69, between lines 9 and 10,

insert:

Section 56. The Minority HIV and AIDS Task Force.--

(1) There is created within the Department of Health the Minority HIV and AIDS Task Force to develop and provide specific recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Department of Health on ways to strengthen HIV and AIDS prevention programs and early intervention and treatment efforts in the state's black, Hispanic, and other minority communities, as well as ways to address the many needs of the state's minorities infected with AIDS and their families.

(2) The Secretary of Health shall appoint at least 15 members to the task force. The members must include, but need not be limited to, representatives from:

(a) Persons infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

(b) Minority community-based support organizations.

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- 1           (c) Minority treatment providers.
- 2           (d) The religious community within groups of persons  
3 infected with HIV or AIDS.
- 4           (e) The Department of Health.
- 5           (3) The task force shall meet as often as necessary to  
6 carry out its duties and responsibilities. Within existing  
7 resources, the Department of Health shall provide support  
8 services to the task force.
- 9           (4) The members of the task force shall serve without  
10 compensation.
- 11           (5) The task force shall prepare and submit a report  
12 of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the  
13 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives by February 1, 2001. The report must include:
- 15           (a) Specific strategies for reducing the risk of HIV  
16 and AIDS in the state's minority communities.
- 17           (b) A plan for establishing mentor programs and  
18 exchanging information and ideas among minority  
19 community-based organizations that provide HIV and AIDS  
20 prevention services.
- 21           (c) The needs of prevention and treatment programs  
22 within communities and the resources that are available within  
23 minority communities.
- 24           (d) Specific strategies for ensuring that minority  
25 persons who are at risk of HIV and AIDS infection seek  
26 testing.
- 27           (e) Specific strategies for ensuring that persons who  
28 test positive for HIV or AIDS are provided with access to  
29 treatment and secondary prevention services.
- 30           (f) Specific strategies to help reduce or eliminate  
31 high-risk behaviors in persons who test negative but continue

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1 to practice high-risk behaviors.

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

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

5 Section 57. Statewide HIV and AIDS prevention  
6 campaign.--

7 (1) The Department of Health shall develop and  
8 implement a statewide HIV and AIDS prevention campaign that is  
9 directed towards minorities who are at risk of HIV infection.  
10 The campaign shall include television, radio, and outdoor  
11 advertising; public service announcements; and peer-to-peer  
12 outreach. Each campaign message and concept shall be evaluated  
13 with members of the target group to ensure its effectiveness.  
14 The campaign shall provide information on the risk of HIV and  
15 AIDS infection and strategies to follow for prevention, early  
16 detection, and treatment. The campaign shall use culturally  
17 sensitive literature and educational materials and promote the  
18 development of individual skills for behavior modification.

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

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

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1 skills and improving an organization's capacity to conduct HIV  
2 and AIDS prevention and treatment programs.

3 Section 58. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from  
4 the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the  
5 purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act during the  
6 1999-2000 fiscal year.

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8 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

12 And the title is amended as follows:

13 On page 5, line 14, after the semicolon

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15 insert:

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

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1           campaign; requiring the department to establish  
2           positions within the department for regional  
3           and statewide coordinators; requiring that the  
4           department conduct a Black Leadership  
5           Conference on HIV and AIDS by a specified date;  
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