

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Richardson offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 188 and 189, insert:

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6 Section 5. Section 381.7366, Florida Statutes, is created  
7 to read:

8 381.7366 Office of Minority Health; legislative intent;  
9 duties.--

10 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--The Legislature recognizes that  
11 despite significant investments in health care programs certain  
12 racial and ethnic populations suffer disproportionately with  
13 chronic diseases when compared to non-Hispanic whites. The  
14 Legislature intends to address these disparities by developing  
15 programs that target causal factors and recognize the specific  
16 health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities.

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17        (2) ORGANIZATION.--The Office of Minority Health,  
18 established within the Department of Health under s. 20.43(9),  
19 shall be headed by a director who shall report directly to the  
20 Surgeon General.

21        (3) DUTIES.--The office shall:

22        (a) Protect and promote the health and well-being of  
23 racial and ethnic populations in the state.

24        (b) Focus on the issue of health disparities between  
25 racial and ethnic minority groups and the general population.

26        (c) Coordinate the department's initiatives, programs, and  
27 policies to address racial and ethnic health disparities.

28        (d) Communicate pertinent health information to affected  
29 racial and ethnic populations.

30        (e) Collect and analyze data on the incidence and  
31 frequency of racial and ethnic health disparities.

32        (f) Promote and encourage cultural competence education  
33 and training for healthcare professionals.

34        (g) Serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and  
35 dissemination of information and research findings relating to  
36 innovative approaches to the reduction or elimination of health  
37 disparities.

38        (h) Dedicate resources to increase public awareness of  
39 minority health issues.

40        (i) Seek increased funding for local innovative  
41 initiatives and administer grants designed to support  
42 initiatives that address health disparities and that can be  
43 duplicated.

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72 recreational diving; creating s. 381.7366, F.S., relating to the  
73 Office of Minority Health; providing legislative intent;  
74 providing for organization, duties, and responsibilities;  
75 requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature; providing an  
76 effective date.

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