

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Richardson offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Senate Amendment (353396) (with title**
4 **amendment)**

5 Between lines 32 and 33, insert:

6 Section 7. 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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44 (j) Provide staffing and support for the Closing the Gap
45 grant advisory council.

46 (k) Coordinate with other agencies, states, and the
47 Federal Government to reduce or eliminate health disparities.

48 (l) Collaborate with other public healthcare providers,
49 community and faith-based organizations, the private healthcare
50 system, historically black colleges and universities and other
51 minority institutions of higher education, medical schools, and
52 other health providers to establish a comprehensive and
53 inclusive approach to reducing health disparities.

54 (m) Encourage and support research into causes of racial
55 and ethnic health disparities.

56 (n) Collaborate with health professional training programs
57 to increase the number of minority healthcare professionals.

58 (o) Provide an annual report to the Governor, the
59 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
60 Representatives on the activities of the office.

61 (4) RESPONSIBILITY AND COORDINATION.--The office and the
62 department shall direct and carry out the duties established
63 under this section and shall work with other state agencies in
64 accomplishing these tasks.

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70 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

71 Remove line 43 and insert:

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HOUSE AMENDMENT
Bill No. CS/SB 2618

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

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