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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.; adding a requirement for
4 project proposals under the grant program to address
5 racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity and
6 mortality rates relating to sickle cell disease;
7 providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
12 381.7355, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 381.7355 Project requirements; review criteria.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 6. Increasing adult and child immunization rates in certain

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30 racial and ethnic populations.

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

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

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.