

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
15 elements:

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

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

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

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

26 4. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity

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27 and mortality rates relating to cardiovascular disease.

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

30 6. Increasing adult and child immunization rates in
31 certain racial and ethnic populations.

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

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

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