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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Gibson moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 31 - 91

and insert:

~~(3) In addition to the grants awarded under subsections (1) and (2), up to 20 percent of the funding for the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities: Closing the Gap grant program shall be dedicated to projects that address improving racial and ethnic health status within specific Front Porch Florida Communities.~~

(3)~~(4)~~ Nothing in ss. 381.7351-381.7356 shall prevent a



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12 person, entity, or organization within a county or group of  
13 counties from separately contracting for the provision of racial  
14 and ethnic health promotion, health awareness, and disease  
15 prevention services.

16 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 381.7355, Florida  
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 381.7355 Project requirements; review criteria.-

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

20 (a) The purpose and objectives of the proposal, including  
21 identification of the particular racial or ethnic disparity the  
22 project will address. The proposal must address one or more of  
23 the following priority areas:

24 1. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in maternal and  
25 infant mortality rates.

26 2. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity  
27 and mortality rates relating to cancer.

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

30 4. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity  
31 and mortality rates relating to cardiovascular disease.

32 5. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity  
33 and mortality rates relating to diabetes.

34 6. Increasing adult and child immunization rates in certain  
35 racial and ethnic populations.

36 7. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in oral health  
37 care.

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

40 9. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity



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41 and mortality rates relating to Lupus.

42 10. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity  
43 and mortality rates relating to Alzheimer's disease and  
44 dementia.

45 11.10. Improving ~~Improve~~ neighborhood social determinants  
46 of health, such as transportation, safety, and food access, as  
47 outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's  
48 "Tools for Putting Social Determinants of Health into Action."

49 (b) Identification and relevance of the target population.

50 (c) Methods for obtaining baseline health status data and  
51 assessment of community health needs.

52 (d) Mechanisms for mobilizing community resources and  
53 gaining local commitment.

54 (e) Development and implementation of health promotion and  
55 disease prevention interventions.

56 (f) Mechanisms and strategies for evaluating the project's  
57 objectives, procedures, and outcomes.

58 (g) A proposed work plan, including a timeline for  
59 implementing the project.

60 (h) Likelihood that project activities will occur and  
61 continue in the absence of funding.

62 Section 3. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section  
63 381.7356, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)  
64 and (6), respectively, new subsections (4) and (5) are added to  
65 that section, and subsection (1) of that section is amended, to  
66 read:

67 381.7356 Local matching funds; grant awards.—

68 (1) One or more Closing the Gap grants may be awarded in a  
69 county, or in a group of adjoining counties from which a



70 multicounty application is submitted. ~~Front Porch Florida~~  
71 ~~Communities grants may also be awarded in a county or group of~~  
72 ~~adjoining counties that are also receiving a grant award.~~

73 (4) The department may not establish a minimum amount or a  
74 maximum amount for grants and shall determine the amount of each  
75 award based on the merits of the application. The department  
76 shall ensure that grants are awarded to applicants in various  
77 regions of the state.

78 (5) In addition to the requirements provided in s.  
79 381.7353, and subject to the availability of state and federal  
80 funds in the HIV/AIDS program, the department shall promote  
81 synergistic initiatives between the Closing the Gap grant  
82 program and the HIV/AIDS program to leverage the expertise of  
83 the Closing the Gap grant program. These initiatives may include  
84 the establishment of a supplemental grant program whereby  
85 persons, entities, or organizations eligible for a Closing the  
86 Gap grant under s. 381.7354 may submit to the department a grant  
87 proposal, pursuant to the application process established under  
88 s. 381.7355, for funding to further the purposes listed in s.  
89 381.7355(2)(a) and to promote innovative prevention, treatment,  
90 and awareness initiatives for minority populations in  
91 metropolitan areas which have a higher prevalence of HIV/AIDS  
92 for the purposes of reducing the incidence of the HIV infection  
93 in such communities and prioritizing the identification of  
94 individuals, in a manner consistent with the clinical guidelines  
95 of the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, who  
96 are not yet aware of their HIV status.

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99 And the title is amended as follows:

100 Delete lines 3 - 12

101 and insert:

102 amending s. 381.7354, F.S.; removing provisions  
103 related to Front Porch Florida Communities; amending  
104 s. 381.7355, F.S.; adding a priority area that may be  
105 addressed in a Closing the Gap grant proposal;  
106 amending s. 381.7356, F.S.; removing provisions  
107 related to Front Porch Florida Communities;  
108 prohibiting the Department of Health from establishing  
109 a minimum amount or a maximum amount for Closing the  
110 Gap grants; requiring the department to base the  
111 amount of each award on the merits of each application  
112 and to award grants to applicants in various regions  
113 of the state; authorizing the Closing the Gap program  
114 and the HIV/AIDS program to promote synergistic  
115 initiatives that reduce HIV incidence in minority  
116 populations in certain metropolitan areas; providing  
117 an effective date.