By Senator Gibson

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to Closing the Gap grant proposals;
3	amending s. 381.7354, F.S.; removing provisions
4	related to Front Porch Florida Communities; amending
5	s. 381.7355, F.S.; adding a priority area that may be
6	addressed in a Closing the Gap grant proposal;
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. Section 381.7354, Florida Statutes, is amended
12	to read:
13	381.7354 Eligibility
14	(1) Any person, entity, or organization within a county may
15	apply for a Closing the Gap grant and may serve as the lead
16	agency to administer and coordinate project activities within
17	the county and develop community partnerships necessary to
18	implement the grant.
19	(2) Persons, entities, or organizations within adjoining
20	counties with populations of less than 100,000, based on the
21	annual estimates produced by the Population Program of the
22	University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research,
23	may jointly submit a multicounty Closing the Gap grant proposal.
24	However, the proposal must clearly identify a single lead agency
25	with respect to program accountability and administration.
26	(3) In addition to the grants awarded under subsections (1)
27	and (2), up to 20 percent of the funding for the Reducing Racial
28	and Ethnic Health Disparities: Closing the Gap grant program
29	shall be dedicated to projects that address improving racial and
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61	9. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
62	and mortality rates relating to Lupus.
63	10. Decreasing racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity
64	and mortality rates relating to Alzheimer's disease and
65	dementia.
66	11.10. Improve neighborhood social determinants of health,
67	such as transportation, safety, and food access, as outlined by
68	the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Tools for
69	Putting Social Determinants of Health into Action."
70	(b) Identification and relevance of the target population.
71	(c) Methods for obtaining baseline health status data and
72	assessment of community health needs.
73	(d) Mechanisms for mobilizing community resources and
74	gaining local commitment.
75	(e) Development and implementation of health promotion and
76	disease prevention interventions.
77	(f) Mechanisms and strategies for evaluating the project's
78	objectives, procedures, and outcomes.
79	(g) A proposed work plan, including a timeline for
80	implementing the project.
81	(h) Likelihood that project activities will occur and
82	continue in the absence of funding.
83	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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