Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H4/11/03	
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill	Act 1571 of 2003
3	Regular Session, 2003		SENATE BILL 945
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5	By: Senator Steele		
6	By: Representative Goss		
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9		For An Act To Be Entitled	
10	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION,		
11	THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES,		
12	AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY DISPARITIES		
13	IN HEAL	TH AND HEALTH CARE BETWEEN MINORITY	AND
14	MAJORITY COMMUNITIES; TO REPORT FINDINGS TO THE		
15	HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC		
16	HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR; AND FOR OTHER		
17	PURPOSE	'S.	
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19		Subtitle	
20	AN A	CT TO REQUIRE THE MINORITY HEALTH	
21	COMM	ISSION, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS	
22	FOR	MEDICAL SCIENCES, AND THE DEPARTMEN	ΙT
23	OF HEALTH TO STUDY DISPARITIES IN HEALTH		
24	AND	HEALTH CARE BETWEEN MINORITY AND	
25	MAJC	RITY COMMUNITIES.	
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28	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	KANSAS:
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30	SECTION 1. <u>(a)</u>	The Minority Health Commission, t	<u>he University of</u>
31	Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the Department of Health shall study the		
32	disparities between the minority and majority communities with regard to		
33	health, health care, and the availability of health care.		
34	(b) The study shall include, but not be limited to:		
35	(1) The infant mortality rate among African-Americans;		
36	<u>(2)</u> Life	expectancy among African-Americans	<u>;</u>



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1	(3) The increased dangers from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome			
2	(SIDS) for African-American babies;			
3	(4) The percentage of African-American high school students in			
4	Arkansas reporting some type of tobacco use;			
5	(5) The relatively low rate of breast cancer among African-			
6	American women in comparison to the comparatively high chance that an			
7	African-American woman who develops breast cancer will not survive;			
8	(6) The high rates among African-American men of developing and			
9	dying from cancer;			
10	(7) The high rate of diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and other			
11	<u>illnesses among African-Americans;</u>			
12	(8) The relation between poverty and poor health; and			
13	(9) The severe limitations on health and medical facilities in			
14	the Delta, coupled with a dangerous inadequacy of access to primary care			
15	health professionals.			
16	(c) The Minority Health Commission, the University of Arkansas for			
17	Medical Sciences, and the Department of Health shall report their findings to			
18	The House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor			
19	no later than August 30, 2004.			
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21	/s/ Steele			
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24	APPROVED: 4/21/2003			
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