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.

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| 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 | | |
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| 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 | | |
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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 | | | |
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| 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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