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 DIII	CENATE DILL 045
3	Regular Session, 2003	SENATE BILL 945
4	Dry. Compton Staple	
5	By: Senator Steele	
6	By: Representative Goss	
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8 9	For An Act To Be Entitled	
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10	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION,	
11	THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY DISPARITIES	
12	AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STODY DISPARTILES IN HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE BETWEEN MINORITY AND	
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14 15	MAJORITY COMMUNITIES; TO REPORT FINDINGS TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC	
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10	HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
17	FUNFUSES.	
19	Subtitle	
20	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MINORITY HEALTH	I
21	COMMISSION, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSA	1 <i>S</i>
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23	OF HEALTH TO STUDY DISPARITIES IN HEALTH	
24	AND HEALTH CARE BETWEEN MINORITY AND	
25	MAJORITY COMMUNITIES.	
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28	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS :
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30	SECTION 1. (a) The Minority Health Commission,	the University of
31	Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the Department of H	ealth shall study the
32	disparities between the minority and majority communit	ies with regard to
33	health, health care, and the availability of health ca	re.
34	(b) The study shall include, but not be limited	to:
35	(1) The infant mortality rate among Afric	an-Americans;
36	(2) Life expectancy among African-Americans;	



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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	illnesses among African-Americans;	
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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