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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2541

"AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION; TO
PROVIDE NEW PURPOSE FOR THE COMMISSION."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2541.

Amend House Bill No. 2541 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the Enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-2-102(a), concerning membership of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, is amended to read as follows:

20-2-102. Creation - Members - Compensation.

(a) There is established the Arkansas Minority Health Commission to consist of twelve (12) members to be appointed as follows:

(1) Four (4) of the general public to be appointed by the Governor, with each of the four (4) congressional districts represented;

(2) Two (2) members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore;

(3) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) The Director of the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention of the Department of Health or his designee;

(5) ~~The Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services of the Department of Human Services or his designee~~ One (1) member of the general public to be appointed by the chair of the House Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

(6) The Director of the Department of Health or his designee;
and

(7) ~~The Director of the Division of Mental Health Services of the Department of Human Services or his designee~~ One (1) member of the general public to be appointed by the chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 20-2-103 is amended to read as follows:

20-2-103. Powers and duties generally.

The Arkansas Minority Health Commission shall:

(1) ~~(A) Study issues relating to the delivery of and access to health services for minorities in this state~~ Determine and document impediments to delivery of and access to health services for minorities in this state; and

~~(B) Reassess the documented data at least biannually to~~

determine the progress or lack of progress being made toward removing any identified impediments;

(2)(A) Identify and document any gaps in the health service delivery system that particularly affect minorities; and

(B) Reassess the documented data at least biannually to determine progress or lack of progress being made toward alleviating any identified gaps;

~~(3) Make recommendations to the relevant agencies and to the General Assembly for improving the delivery of and access to health services for minorities~~ Assess the adequacy and disparities of available services for minorities utilizing all available resources, including holding public hearings in areas around the state where a significant minority population exists, to ensure future minority needs will be met; and

~~(4) Study and make recommendations as to whether adequate services are available to ensure that future minority health needs will be met~~ Implement developed or adapted programs that will help improve the health status of minorities; and

(5)(A) Make recommendations to improve the delivery of and access to health services for minorities to the relevant agencies and to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public, Health, Welfare, and Labor; and

(B) Submit the required recommendations not later than December of each year.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 2, Subtitle 1 is amended by adding the following additional section:

20-2-107. The Director of the Minority Health Commission shall issue a biannual report to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor outlining the progress made toward meeting the duties of the Minority health Commission as prescribed in § 20-2-103."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative T. Steele

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