

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 343**

"AN ACT TO CONFRONT DISPARITIES IN HEALTH AND LENGTH OF LIFE AMONG  
CITIZENS OF ARKANSAS."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 343.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 343 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the ENACTING clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. 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) Study issues relating to the delivery of and access to health services for minorities in this state;
- (2) Identify any gaps in the health service delivery system that particularly affect minorities;
- (3) Make recommendations to the relevant agencies and to the General Assembly for improving the delivery of and access to health services for minorities; ~~and~~
- (4) Study and make recommendations as to whether adequate services are available to ensure that future minority health needs will be met;

(5)(A) Develop, implement, maintain, and disseminate a comprehensive survey of racial and ethnic minority disparities in health and health care.

(B) The commission shall repeat the study every five (5) years to include without limitation disparities arising from geographic location and economic conditions; and

(6) Publish evidence-based data, define state goals and objectives, and develop pilot projects for decreasing disparities under subdivision (5)(A) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-2-107. Report on health disparities.

On or before October 1 each year, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission shall report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the chair of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, and the chair of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor without limitation:



- (1) Summarizing the previous year's work under § 20-2-103(5) and  
(6);  
(2) Describing reductions in disparities in health and health  
care in this state; and  
(3) Outlining plans for continuing and expanding in the coming  
year the program to reduce disparities in health and health care in this  
state."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator Crumbly

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Secretary