

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4455

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2227.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1        SEC. 2227. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 2        (A) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STRUCTURE TO ADDRESS RACIAL AND
- 3        ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THIS STATE.
- 4        (B) MONITOR MINORITY HEALTH PROGRESS.
- 5        (C) ESTABLISH MINORITY HEALTH POLICY.
- 6        (D) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC
- 7        PLAN FOR THE REDUCTION OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES.
- 8        (E) UTILIZE FEDERAL, STATE, AND PRIVATE RESOURCES, AS

1 AVAILABLE AND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TO FUND MINORITY  
2 HEALTH PROGRAMS, RESEARCH, AND OTHER INITIATIVES.

3 (F) PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING THROUGH INTERDEPARTMENTAL  
4 COORDINATION:

5 (i) DATA AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MINORITY HEALTH COALITIONS  
6 AND ANY OTHER LOCAL ENTITIES ADDRESSING THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL  
7 AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES.

8 (ii) MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES TO MINORITY HEALTH COALITIONS AND  
9 ANY OTHER LOCAL HEALTH ENTITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
10 INTERVENTIONS THAT ADDRESS THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC  
11 HEALTH DISPARITIES.

12 (G) ESTABLISH A WEB PAGE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE, IN  
13 COORDINATION WITH THE STATE HEALTH DISPARITIES REDUCTION AND  
14 MINORITY HEALTH SECTION, THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION OR LINKS TO ALL  
15 OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (i) RESEARCH WITHIN MINORITY POPULATIONS.

17 (ii) A RESOURCE DIRECTORY THAT CAN BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL  
18 ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN MINORITY HEALTH.

19 (iii) RACIAL AND ETHNIC SPECIFIC DATA INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED  
20 TO, MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY.

21 (H) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STRATEGIES  
22 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MINORITIES IN THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
23 SERVICES PROFESSIONS.

24 (I) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AWARENESS STRATEGIES TARGETED AT  
25 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THE  
26 OCCURRENCE OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES.

27 (J) IDENTIFY AND ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CULTURALLY

1 AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE  
2 PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT WOULD EMPHASIZE PREVENTION AND INCORPORATE  
3 AN ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCEPTABLE EARLY DETECTION AND  
4 INTERVENTION COMPONENT.

5 (K) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING OF MINORITY HEALTH  
6 COALITIONS.

7 (l) APPOINT A DEPARTMENT LIAISON TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING  
8 SERVICES TO LOCAL MINORITY HEALTH COALITIONS:

9 (i) ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL PREVENTION AND  
10 INTERVENTION PLANS.

11 (ii) RELAY THE CONCERNS OF LOCAL MINORITY HEALTH COALITIONS TO  
12 THE DEPARTMENT.

13 (iii) ASSIST IN COORDINATING MINORITY INPUT ON STATE HEALTH  
14 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

15 (iv) SERVE AS THE LINK BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL EFFORTS  
16 TO ELIMINATE RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES.

17 (M) PROVIDE FUNDING, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TO  
18 SUPPORT EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTATIVE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND  
19 TREATMENT PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE OUTCOME MEASURES AND EVALUATION  
20 PLANS IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES.

21 (N) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO  
22 OBTAIN FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A HEALTH  
23 CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM TO MEET THE NEEDS, GAPS, AND BARRIERS  
24 IDENTIFIED IN THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ELIMINATING RACIAL  
25 AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES.

26 (O) ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND EACH  
27 YEAR THEREAFTER, SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE STATUS, IMPACT, AND

1 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION TO THE  
2 STANDING COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH  
3 JURISDICTION OVER ISSUES PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH, THE SENATE  
4 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES ON  
5 COMMUNITY HEALTH, AND THE SENATE AND HOUSE FISCAL AGENCIES.