

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2204**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: MAY 30, 2000

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Renames Office on Minority Health in DHSS as Office on Multicultural Health and provides additional responsibilities for the office.

**Type of Impact:** None.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
<b>State Cost</b>	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal

! There is no significant cost associated with renaming the Office on Minority Health the Office on Multicultural Health and providing the office with additional responsibilities. Many, if not all, of the additional responsibilities are currently being undertaken by DHSS.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 2204 of 2000 renames the New Jersey Office on Minority Health in the DHSS as the New Jersey Office on Multicultural Health. The bill also provides explicit statutory authority for the office to carry out additional responsibilities such as:

- C development of a clearinghouse to collect racial and ethnic minority and gender specific health data on a county-by-county basis and disseminate it upon request to interested parties;
- C advocating effective measures to lead to the elimination of disparities among the various racial and ethnic populations of this State and gender-based disparities with respect to access to high-quality health care and health status; and
- C development of recommendations for the most effective means of providing outreach to racial and ethnic minority communities throughout the State to ensure their maximum participation in publicly funded health benefits programs.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

There is no significant cost associated with renaming the Office on Minority Health the Office on Multicultural Health, and providing the renamed office with additional responsibilities. Many, if not all, of the additional responsibilities being assigned to the new office are currently being conducted by DHSS. For example, DHSS compiles and disseminates infant mortality data on the basis of race and ethnicity on a county specific basis.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.