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SYNOPSIS

Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on March 18, 2019, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Office on Minority and
2 Multicultural Health and supplementing P.L.1991, c.401 (C.26:2-
3 160 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. The New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural
9 Health shall study the effects of racial and ethnic disparities on the
10 sexual and reproductive health of African-American women.

11 The purpose of the study shall be to:

12 (1) identify Statewide and regional trends, patterns, and racial
13 and ethnic disparities in adverse health outcomes, and medical, non-
14 medical, and system-related factors that may affect the sexual and
15 reproductive health of African-American women;

16 (2) review the extent to which the effects of racial and ethnic
17 disparities on the sexual and reproductive health of African-
18 American women in a geographic area indicate the need to increase
19 access to health care services among racial and ethnic populations
20 in that area; and

21 (3) identify ways to reduce or eliminate racial and ethnic
22 disparities that affect the sexual and reproductive health of African-
23 American women.

24 b. In conducting the study, the office may seek the advice of
25 persons specializing in the fields of women's health, minority
26 health advocacy, or other related fields.

27 c. Within one year after the date of enactment of this act, the
28 ¹**[board]** office¹ shall prepare and submit to the Governor and,
29 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
30 Legislature, a report containing the study's findings concerning the
31 effects of racial and ethnic disparities on the sexual and
32 reproductive health of African-American women and
33 recommendations for legislative or other actions that can be
34 undertaken to:

35 (1) improve the sexual and reproductive health of African-
36 American women in this State;

37 (2) reduce or eliminate racial and ethnic disparities that affect
38 the sexual and reproductive health of African-American women;
39 and

40 (3) increase access to high quality health care services among
41 African-American women in the following priority areas:
42 childbirth; breast, cervical, and ovarian cancer screening;
43 HIV/AIDS; hepatitis C; and other sexually transmitted diseases.

44 d. The office may prepare and submit additional reports when
45 the ¹**[board]** office¹ deems it appropriate, and each report, with the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 18, 2019.

1 exception of the first report prepared under this section, shall
2 additionally identify the extent to which the **'[board's] office's'**¹
3 prior recommendations have been successfully implemented in
4 practice and the apparent impact that the implementation of such
5 recommended changes has had on the sexual and reproductive
6 health of African-American women in the preceding years.

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8 2. The office shall adopt regulations pursuant to the
9 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
10 seq.) necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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12 3. This act shall take effect immediately.