

# STATEMENT TO

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## ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **ASSEMBLY, No. 4253**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator CRYAN)

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These Senate floor amendments provide that the Department of Health will identify an evidence-based cultural competency training tool to be utilized by cultural competency training programs implemented by general acute hospitals and clinical laboratories under the bill. The use of the department's approved training tool by a general acute hospital or clinical laboratory will not preclude the hospital or clinical laboratory from utilizing additional or customized training tools in addition to the department's approved training tool.

The floor amendments clarify that the requirements to complete a cultural competency training program or refresher course apply to all staff members employed by or working under the supervision of a general acute hospital or clinical laboratory who have direct contact with patients are responsible for collecting race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity information for patients.

The floor amendments make technical changes to the synopsis of the bill and to correct a citation.