

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 31, 2021

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB21-181 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 6, strike lines 10 through 22 and substitute:
 - 2 "(2.5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, AND CONTINUING
 - 3 EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE OFFICE SHALL CONDUCT AN
 - 4 ASSESSMENT AND PUBLISH A REPORT".
 - 5 Page 6, line 23, after "DISPARITIES" insert "AND INEQUITIES".
 - 6 Page 6, line 23, strike "BY RACE AND ETHNICITY".
 - 7 Page 6, line 25, after "DISPARITIES" insert "AND INEQUITIES".
 - 8 Page 7, line 5, after "DISPARITIES" insert "AND INEQUITIES".
 - 9 Page 7, strike lines 6 and 7 and substitute "AGENCY THAT HAS
 - 10 REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION SHALL USE THE REPORT IN THEIR
 - 11 PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION. IN EACH
 - 12 REPORT AFTER THE FIRST PUBLISHED REPORT, THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT
 - 13 THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
 - 14 (2.5)(b) OF THIS SECTION TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF
 - 15 HEALTH AND THE STRATEGIES USED TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES AND
 - 16 INEQUITIES."
- 17 Page 7, after line 7 insert:



1 "(b) WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST
2 REPORT REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION:

3 (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONVENE THE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT
4 A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND DEVELOP AN EQUITY STRATEGIC
5 PLAN, TO RESPOND TO THE REPORT, AND TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS
6 COORDINATION IN EQUITY-RELATED WORK ACROSS STATE AGENCIES TO
7 ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN EACH AGENCY'S
8 RESPECTIVE AREAS. THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS MUST INCLUDE
9 INPUT FROM COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND POLICYMAKERS. THE
10 OFFICE MAY COLLABORATE WITH THE HEALTH EQUITY AND COMMUNITY
11 GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 25-4-2203 TO ADDRESS ISSUES
12 IDENTIFIED BY THE EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN.

13 (II) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION THAT REPRESENTS A STATE
14 AGENCY SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS
15 OF HEALTH RELEVANT TO THAT STATE AGENCY AS THEY AFFECT HEALTH
16 DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES. EACH STATE AGENCY SHALL DEDICATE UP
17 TO TWENTY HOURS OF STAFF TIME TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN."

19 Page 7, line 9, after "(2)(a)(V)," insert "(2)(a)(VI),".

20 Page 7, line 10, strike "and (2)(a)(XI)" and substitute "(2)(a)(XI),
21 (2)(a)(XII), and (2)(a)(XIII)".

22 Page 7, line 12, strike "TWENTY" and substitute "TWENTY-TWO".

23 Page 7, line 15 insert:

24 "(VI) The executive director of the department of health care
25 policy and financing, or ~~his or her~~ THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S designee;".

26 Page 7, line 23, strike "AND".

27 Page 7, line 25, strike "DESIGNEE." and substitute "DESIGNEE;

28 (XII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
29 CORRECTIONS, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

30 (XIII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
31 EDUCATION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE."

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