

**ADOPTED**

Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Zamarripa of the 36th and Harbison of the 15th offered an amendment to SB 595 as follows:

By inserting between lines 24 and 25 of page 2 a new section which states as follows:

**"SECTION 1.A.**

Chapter 33 of Title 31 is further amended by adding the following new code section:

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There is created in the Department of Community Health the Office of Minority Health. The Office of Minority Health shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor, the General Assembly, and all other state agencies in matters relating to health issues affecting persons of minority races or ethnic groups. In particular, the office shall:

- (A) Collect all data, records, and other information necessary to analyze and identify healthcare trends, issues, and needs related to the health of persons of minority races or ethnic groups;
- (B) Shall coordinate with health care providers, health care facilities, or health care professionals the recording and preservation of data, records, and other information necessary to address matters relating to health issues affecting persons of minority races or ethnic groups;
- (C) Raise awareness of specific minority group health issues;
- (D) Inform and engage in prevention and education activities relating to minority health issues;
- (E) Serve as a clearing-house for minority health information for purposes of planning and coordination;
- (F) Issue reports of the office's activities and findings; and
- (G) Develop and distribute a state comprehensive plan to address minority health issues."