

2021 BR 97 AN ACT relating to health disparity impacts.

Summary

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Section 1.

(1) Defines terms:

"Health disparity impact" means a difference in health outcomes that:

1. Impacts the rate of incidence, prevalence, mortality, burden of disease, or any other adverse health condition; and
2. Is closely linked with social, economic, or environmental disadvantage for any specific population group, including a group based on education, income, location, health status, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

"Health disparity impact review" means an analysis that uses the best available empirical and evidence-based information to estimate any health disparity impact of a bill, amendment, or committee substitute. The health disparity impact review shall determine whether:

1. Harm or unintended consequences may result by defining outcomes, reviewing existing research, analyzing data, conducting literature reviews, and evaluating other relevant investigations; and
2. There may be a disproportionate impact on populations based on demographics, as well as social determinants of health, that include economic stability, health care, housing, transportation, safety, employment, education, food security, community and social context, and the physical and build environment.

- (2) LRC staff is required to indicate that a bill, amendment, or committee substitute may have a health disparity impact.
- (3) LRC notifies the sponsor and CHFS of possible health disparity impact.
- (4) CHFS prepares health disparity impact review if appropriate.
- (5) CHFS notifies LRC if health disparity impact review not appropriate.
- (6) Requires other state agency cooperation in completing review.
- (7) Sponsor may requires a new review if a bill is amended.
- (8) A bill that requires a review is required to have a completed review before voted on in Senate or House of Representatives.
- (9) A majority of members of any committee may request a review be completed.
- (10) Lists requirements for health disparity reviews.