



**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 1995 SENATE BILL 233**

November 7, 1995 - Offered by Senator MOORE.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.435 (1) (cs) and 146.185 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating  
2 a program of grants to improve the health status of economically disadvantaged  
3 minority group members and making appropriations.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
5 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

6 **1995-96**      **1996-97**

7 **20.435 Health and social services, department**

8 **of**

9 (1) HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING, REGULATION AND

10 DELIVERY

11 (cs) Grants to improve health status

12 of minority group members      GPR      C      -0-      300,000

13 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (1) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

1           20.435 (1) (cs) *Grants to improve health status of minority group members.* As  
2 a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule to make grants for activities  
3 to improve the health status of minority group members under s. 146.185 (3).

4           **SECTION 3.** 146.185 of the statutes is created to read:

5           **146.185 Minority health. (1)** In this section:

6           (a) “African American” means a person whose ancestors originated in any of the  
7 black racial groups of Africa.

8           (b) “American Indian” means a person who is enrolled as a member of a  
9 federally recognized American Indian tribe or band or who possesses documentation  
10 of at least one-fourth American Indian ancestry or documentation of tribal  
11 recognition as an American Indian.

12           (c) “Asian” means a person whose ancestors originated in Asia south and  
13 southeast of the Himalayas and west of Wallace’s Line in the Malay Archipelago.

14           (d) “Economically disadvantaged” means having an income that is at or below  
15 125% of the poverty line.

16           (e) “Hispanic” means a person of any race whose ancestors originated in  
17 Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central America or South America or whose culture or  
18 origin is Spanish.

19           (f) “Minority group member” means any of the following:

20           1. An African American.

21           2. An American Indian.

22           3. A Hispanic.

23           4. An Asian.

24           (g) “Poverty line” means the nonfarm federal poverty line for the continental  
25 United States, as defined by the federal department of labor under 42 USC 9902 (2).

1 (h) "State agency" has the meaning given in s. 16.004 (12) (a).

2 **(2)** The department shall do all of the following:

3 (a) Identify the barriers to health care that prevent economically  
4 disadvantaged minority group members in this state from participating fully and  
5 equally in all aspects of life.

6 (b) Conduct statewide hearings on issues of concern to the health interests of  
7 economically disadvantaged minority group members.

8 (c) Review, monitor and advise all state agencies with respect to the impact on  
9 the health of economically disadvantaged minority group members of current and  
10 emerging state policies, procedures, practices, statutes and rules.

11 (d) Work closely with all state agencies, including the University of Wisconsin  
12 System and the technical college system, with the private sector and with groups  
13 concerned with issues of the health of economically disadvantaged minority group  
14 members to develop long-term solutions to health problems of minority group  
15 members.

16 (e) Disseminate information on the status of the health of economically  
17 disadvantaged minority group members in this state.

18 (f) Encourage economically disadvantaged minority group members who are  
19 students to enter career health care professions, by developing materials that are  
20 culturally sensitive and appropriate and that promote health care professions as  
21 careers, for use by the University of Wisconsin System, the technical college system  
22 and the Medical College of Wisconsin in recruiting the students.

23 (g) Submit a biennial report on the activities of the department under this  
24 section that includes recommendations on program policies, procedures, practices  
25 and services affecting the health status of economically disadvantaged minority

1 group members, to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) and to  
2 the governor.

3 (3) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (cs), the department shall award  
4 grants for activities to improve the health status of economically disadvantaged  
5 minority group members. A person may apply, in the manner specified by the  
6 department, for a grant of up to \$20,000 to conduct these activities. A grant awarded  
7 under this subsection may not exceed 50% of the cost of the activities. An applicant's  
8 required contribution for a grant may consist of funding or an in-kind contribution.

9 **SECTION 4. Appropriation changes; health and social services.**

10 (1) MINORITY HEALTH GRANTS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the  
11 statutes for the appropriation to the department of health and social services under  
12 section 20.435 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount  
13 is increased by \$22,500 for fiscal year 1996-97 to increase the authorized FTE  
14 positions for the department by 0.5 GPR position on July 1, 1996, for the performance  
15 of minority health program services.

16 (2) MINORITY HEALTH. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes  
17 for the appropriation to the department of health and social services under section  
18 20.435 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is  
19 increased by \$2,500 for fiscal year 1996-97 to increase funding for a one-time  
20 expenditure for permanent property.

21 (END)