



State of Wisconsin
1997 - 1998 LEGISLATURE

LRBb3257/1
DAK;jlg:ijs

**SENATE AMENDMENT 29,
TO 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 768**

May 7, 1998 - Offered by Senator MOORE.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill, as shown by assembly substitute
2 amendment 1, as follows:

3 **1.** Page 14, line 11: after the semicolon insert "creating a program to improve
4 the health status of economically disadvantaged minority group members;"

5 **2.** Page 27, line 17: after that line insert:

6 "(cs) Grants to improve health status
7 of minority group members GPR C -0- 300,000".

8 **3.** Page 41, line 11: after that line insert:

9 "**SECTION 42cm.** 20.435 (1) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:
10 20.435 (1) (cs) *Grants to improve health status of minority group members. As*
11 *a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule to make grants for activities*
12 *to improve the health status of minority group members under s. 146.185 (3)."*

13 **4.** Page 302, line 14: after that line insert:

1 “**SECTION 388r.** 146.185 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **146.185 Minority health. (1)** In this section:

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

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

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

11 (d) “Economically disadvantaged” means having an income that is at or below
12 125% of the poverty line.

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

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

17 1. An African American.

18 2. An American Indian.

19 3. A Hispanic.

20 4. An Asian.

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

23 (h) “State agency” has the meaning given in s. 16.004 (12) (a).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (g) Submit a biennial report on the activities of the department under this
22 section that includes recommendations on program policies, procedures, practices
23 and services affecting the health status of economically disadvantaged minority
24 group members, to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) and to
25 the governor.

