

# HB1674



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB1674

Introduced 2/22/2007, by Rep. William Davis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2310/216 new

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Culturally Competent Healthcare Demonstration Program. Defines "culturally competent health care". Provides that the Program shall establish models that reflect best practices in culturally competent health care and that expand the delivery of culturally competent health care in Illinois. Provides guidelines for the administration of the Program. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 216 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/216 new)

8 Sec. 216. Culturally Competent Healthcare Demonstration  
9 Program.

10 (a) Research demonstrates that racial and ethnic  
11 minorities generally receive health care that is of a lesser  
12 quality than the majority population and have poorer health  
13 outcomes on a number of measures. The 2006 State Health  
14 Improvement Plan calls for increased cultural competence in  
15 Illinois health care settings, based on national standards that  
16 indicate cultural competence is an important aspect of the  
17 quality of health care delivered to racial and ethnic  
18 minorities. Based on the research and national standards, the  
19 General Assembly finds that increasing cultural competence  
20 among health care providers will improve the quality of health  
21 care delivered to racial and ethnic minorities in Illinois.

22 (b) Subject to appropriation for this purpose, the  
23 Department shall establish the Culturally Competent Health

1 Care Demonstration Program. For purposes of this Section,  
2 "culturally competent health care" means the ability of health  
3 care providers to understand and respond to the cultural and  
4 linguistic needs brought by patients to the health care  
5 encounter. The Program shall establish models that reflect best  
6 practices in culturally competent health care and that expand  
7 the delivery of culturally competent health care in Illinois.  
8 Culturally competent practices are especially designed to  
9 address the needs of racial, ethnic, and linguistic population  
10 groups that experience unequal access to health services and  
11 designed to contribute to reducing disparities in health  
12 outcomes experienced by racial and ethnic minorities.

13 (c) The Program shall consist of (i) demonstration grants  
14 awarded by the Department to public or private health care  
15 entities geographically distributed around the State; (ii) an  
16 ongoing collaborative learning project among the grantees; and  
17 (iii) an evaluation of the effect of the demonstration grants  
18 in improving the quality of health care for racial and ethnic  
19 minorities. The Department shall contract with a vendor with  
20 experience in racial and ethnic health disparities and cultural  
21 competency to conduct the evaluation and provide support for  
22 the collaborative learning project. The vendor shall be a  
23 non-for-profit organization that represents a partnership of  
24 public, private, and voluntary health organizations that  
25 focuses on prevention, development of the public health system,  
26 and reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities, and that

1 engages health disparities stakeholders in its efforts.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.