



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1

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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL,  
BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO  
THE PANDEMIC."**

1 Strike subsection (j) of section 2 in its entirety and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(j) The commission shall engage with a diverse range of community  
4 members, including people of color who identify as members of diverse  
5 groups of the state population, including on the basis of race, ethnicity,  
6 sexual orientation, gender identity and disability, who experience  
7 inequities in health, to make recommendations to the relevant state  
8 agencies or other entities on an ongoing basis concerning the following:  
9 (1) Structural racism in the state's laws and regulations impacting public  
10 health, where, as used in this subdivision, "structural racism" means a  
11 system that structures opportunity and assigns value in a way that  
12 disproportionately and negatively impacts Black, Indigenous, Latino or  
13 Asian people or other people of color; (2) racial disparities in the state's

14 criminal justice system and its impact on the health and well-being of  
15 individuals and families, including overall health outcomes and rates of  
16 depression, suicide, substance use disorder and chronic disease; (3)  
17 racial disparities in access to the resources necessary for healthy living,  
18 including, but not limited to, access to adequate fresh food and physical  
19 activity, public safety and the decrease of pollution in communities; (4)  
20 racial disparities in health outcomes; (5) racial disparities in state hiring  
21 and contracting processes; and (6) any suggestions to reduce the impact  
22 of the public health crisis of racism within the vulnerable populations  
23 studied under subdivision (3) of subsection (i) of this section."