

**Language Creating Commission on Minority Health
Amended Substitute House Bill 171**

Sec. 3701.78

- (A) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE COMMISSION ON MINORITY HEALTH, CONSISTING OF EIGHTEEN MEMBERS. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TO THE COMMISSION NINE MEMBERS FROM AMONG HEALTH RESEARCHERS, HEALTH PLANNERS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT TO THE COMMISSION TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NOT MORE THAN ONE OF WHOM IS A MEMBER OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TO THE COMMISSION TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, NOT MORE THAN ONE OF WHOM IS A MEMBER OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. THE DIRECTORS OF HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND HUMAN SERVICES, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, OR HIS DESIGNEE, SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS. OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, FIVE SHALL BE APPOINTED TO INITIAL TERMS OF ONE YEAR, AND FOUR SHALL BE APPOINTED TO INITIAL TERMS OF FOUR YEARS. THEREAFTER, ALL MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE APPOINTED TO TERMS OF TWO YEARS. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL BE NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND BE APPOINTED WITH THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING WHICH THEY WERE APPOINTED. MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR THE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES THEY INCUR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.
- (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMOTE HEALTH AND THE PREVENTION OF DISEASE AMONG MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS. EACH YEAR THE COMMISSION SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS TO COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH GROUPS TO BE USED TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND THE PREVENTION OF DISEASE AMONG MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS. AS USED IN THIS DIVISION, "MINORITY GROUPS" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS: BLACKS, AMERICAN INDIANS, HISPANICS, AND ORIENTALS. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT AND MAINTAIN RULES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 119 OF THE REVISED CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE GRANTS. NO GROUP SHALL QUALIFY TO

RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE COMMISSION UNLESS IT RECEIVES AT LEAST TWENTY PER CENT OF ITS FUNDS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GRANTS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

- (C) THE COMMISSION MAY APPOINT SUCH EMPLOYEES AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE FOR THE COMMISSION.
- (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF ITS CHAIRMAN TO CONDUCT ITS OFFICIAL BUSINESS. A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION CONSTITUTE A QUORUM. THE VOTES OF AT LEAST EIGHT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSION TO TAKE ANY OFFICIAL ACTION OR TO APPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION.