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1 AN ACT Relating to multicultural education for health  
2 professionals; adding a new section to chapter 18.122 RCW; and creating  
3 a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that people of color  
6 experience significant disparities from the general population in  
7 education, employment, healthy living conditions, access to health  
8 care, and other social determinants of health. The legislature finds  
9 that it shall be a priority for the state to develop the knowledge,  
10 attitudes, and practice skills of health professionals and those  
11 working with diverse populations to achieve a greater understanding of  
12 the relationship between culture and health.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.122 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) Each education program with a curriculum to train health  
16 professionals for employment in a profession credentialed by a  
17 disciplining authority under chapter 18.130 RCW shall include

1 instruction and assessment in multicultural health as part of its basic  
2 education preparation curriculum.

3 (2) Each health professional regulatory authority authorized to  
4 establish continuing education requirements according to this title  
5 shall adopt rules that provide continuing education training in  
6 multicultural health. Each such health professional regulatory  
7 authority shall consult with a knowledgeable entity within a state  
8 institution of higher education specializing in health disparities and  
9 multicultural care or with the department of health in the development  
10 of these rules.

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