May 21, 2008

H 2459. HEALTH CARE DATA/RACE AND ETHNICITY. Filed 05/21/08. *TO IMPROVE THE COLLECTION OF RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA IN HEALTH CARE*.

Enacts new GS 130A-16 to require all medical care providers to collect and document self-reported race and ethnicity information of new patients. Amends GS 131E-214.1, the definitions portion of the Medical Care Data Act, to add race and ethnicity to the definition of patient data. (The Medical Care Data Act requires hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities to submit patient data to a statewide database.) Appropriates $10,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, to educate providers on the requirements of this act. Appropriation effective July 1, 2008; remainder effective October 1, 2008.

Intro. by Earle. GS 130A, 131E, APPROP