

Subject Skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program

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Overview

This bill establishes a skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program and makes a blank appropriation for that program. The commissioner of health issued onetime grants under a similar public awareness and education grant program in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p> <p>Adds § 145.9275. Directs the commissioner of health to award grants to community-based organizations that serve ethnic communities and focus on issues of colorism, skin-lightening products, and chemical exposures. Requires priority to be given to certain organizations in awarding grants. Requires grant recipients to use grant funds for public awareness and education activities on the dangers of skin-lightening products containing mercury and hydroquinone; to identify products that contain mercury and hydroquinone; to develop a train-the-trainers curriculum to train community leaders and others; to build self-esteem and wellness of young people who use skin-lightening products or are at risk of starting the practice; and to build capacity of organizations to combat skin-lightening practices.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Appropriation; skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p> <p>Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for a skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p> |