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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to early childhood; governing certain programs and funding for home
1.3 visits; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 145.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [145.87] HOME VISITING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND FAMILIES
1.7 WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Grants for home visiting programs. (a) The commissioner shall award
1.9 grants to community health boards, nonprofit organizations, and tribal nations to start up
1.10 or expand home visiting programs serving pregnant women and families with young children.
1.11 Grant funds must be used:

1.12 (1) to start up or expand evidence-based home visiting programs, or home visiting
1.13 programs that are culturally or ethnically targeted to the county, reservation, or region of
1.14 operation; and

1.15 (2) to serve families with young children or pregnant women who are high risk or have
1.16 high needs; parents who have a history of mental illness, domestic abuse, or substance
1.17 abuse; first-time mothers; or families who are eligible for medical assistance or the federal
1.18 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

1.19 (b) If a home visiting program serves first-time mothers, the program must provide
1.20 services prenatally until the child is three years of age in order to receive grant funds under
1.21 this section.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Grant awards.** (a) The commissioner shall award grants to entities in urban
2.2 and rural areas of the state. In awarding grants in rural areas, the commissioner shall give
2.3 priority to community health boards, nonprofit organizations, and tribal nations seeking to
2.4 expand home visiting services within regional partnerships that provide home visiting
2.5 services.

2.6 (b) The commissioner shall allocate at least 75 percent of the grant funds awarded each
2.7 grant cycle to evidence-based home visiting programs and up to 25 percent of the grant
2.8 funds awarded each grant cycle to culturally or ethnically targeted home visiting programs.

2.9 Subd. 3. **No supplanting of existing funds.** Funding awarded under this section shall
2.10 only be used to supplement, and not to replace, funds being used for evidence-based or
2.11 culturally or ethnically targeted home visiting services as of June 30, 2017.

2.12 Subd. 4. **Administrative costs.** The commissioner may use up to seven percent of the
2.13 annual appropriation under this section to provide training and technical assistance and to
2.14 administer and evaluate the program.

2.15 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.16 \$23,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$41,600,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated
2.17 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for grants for home visiting services
2.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.87. This amount is in addition to base appropriations,
2.19 and \$56,500,000 is added to the base in each year for fiscal years 2022 and after.