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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for statewide parent-to-parent
1.3 programs for families of children and youth with special health care needs.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.6 (a) \$125,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$125,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for grants to organizations supporting
1.8 the organizations' parent-to-parent programs for families of children and youth with special
1.9 health care needs. These are onetime appropriations and are not added to the base budget.

1.10 (b) Eligible organizations must have an established parent-to-parent program that conducts
1.11 outreach and provides support to newly identified parents or guardians of a child or youth
1.12 with special health care needs; that provides training to educate parents and guardians in
1.13 ways to support their child and navigate the health, education, and human services systems;
1.14 that facilitates ongoing peer support for parents and guardians from trained volunteer support
1.15 parents; and that communicates regularly with other parent-to-parent programs and national
1.16 organizations to ensure that best practices are implemented.

1.17 (c) Grant recipients must use grant money for the purposes specified in paragraph (b).

1.18 (d) For purposes of this section, "special health care needs" means disabilities, chronic
1.19 illnesses or conditions, health-related educational or behavioral problems, or the risk of
1.20 developing disabilities, conditions, illnesses, or problems.

1.21 (e) Grant recipients must report to the commissioner of human services annually by
1.22 January 15 about the services and programs funded by this appropriation. The report must

- 2.1 include measurable outcomes from the previous year, including the number of families
- 2.2 served by the organization's parent-to-parent programs and the number of volunteer support
- 2.3 parents trained by the organization's parent-to-parent programs.