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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring the commissioner of health to study and report on
1.3 disparities in accessing prenatal care; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. STUDY AND REPORT; DISPARITIES IN ACCESSING PRENATAL
1.6 CARE.

1.7 The commissioner of health shall study disparities in the adequacy, timeliness, and scope
1.8 of prenatal care received by women of color, American Indian women, and low-income
1.9 women, including identifying the sources of these disparities. The commissioner shall
1.10 conduct the study in partnership with Tribal Nations and organizations that represent families
1.11 of color, American Indian families, or low-income families. The commissioner may contract
1.12 with these Tribal Nations and organizations for work related to the study. By September 1,
1.13 2018, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members
1.14 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy on
1.15 the results of the study and recommendations for reducing and eliminating disparities in
1.16 accessing prenatal care for women of color, American Indian women, and low-income
1.17 women.

1.18 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.19 \$...... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
1.20 health for the study in section 1. At least 50 percent of this appropriation must be used for
1.21 grants to Tribal Nations and organizations that represent families of color, American Indian
1.22 families, or low-income families for work related to the study.