

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 1691**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; appropriating money for a grant to plan and develop an  
1.3 African-American-focused Homeplace model.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; AFRICAN-AMERICAN-FOCUSED HOMEPLACE.**

1.6 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.7 of health for a grant to the Birth Justice Collaborative to strengthen and implement the  
1.8 current model of the African-American-focused Homeplace in Hennepin County. The  
1.9 purpose of the model is to improve access to culturally centered healing and care during  
1.10 pregnancy and the postpartum period, with the goal of improving maternal and child health  
1.11 outcomes. By December 15, 2026, or 12 months after distribution of the grant under this  
1.12 section, whichever is later, the Birth Justice Collaborative must report to the commissioner  
1.13 of health on the implementation and progress of Homeplace in Hennepin County. The report  
1.14 must outline outcomes achieved and recommendations for future funding and program  
1.15 expansion. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.