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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1167**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy  
03/28/2019 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; requiring a study on breastfeeding disparities.

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

1.4 Section 1. **STUDY ON BREASTFEEDING DISPARITIES; STAKEHOLDER**  
1.5 **ENGAGEMENT.**

1.6 The commissioner of health shall work with community stakeholders in Minnesota  
1.7 including but not limited to the Minnesota Breastfeeding Coalition; the women, infants,  
1.8 and children program; hospitals and clinics; local public health professionals and  
1.9 organizations; community-based organizations; and representatives of populations with low  
1.10 breastfeeding rates to carry out a study identifying barriers, challenges, and successes  
1.11 affecting initiation, duration, and exclusivity of breastfeeding. The study shall address policy,  
1.12 systemic, and environmental factors that both support and create barriers to breastfeeding.  
1.13 The study shall identify and make recommendations regarding culturally appropriate practices  
1.14 that have been shown to increase breastfeeding rates in populations that have the greatest  
1.15 breastfeeding disparity rates. A report on the study must be completed and submitted to the  
1.16 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
1.17 health care policy and finance on or before September 15, 2020.