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

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to health; appropriating money to the commissioner of health for a grant

1.3to a nonprofit organization to provide doula support, childbirth, and postpartum

1.4services to low-income families of color.

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

1.6Section 1. APPROPRIATION; DOULA SUPPORT, CHILDBIRTH, AND

1.7POSTPARTUM SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES OF COLOR.

1.8\$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the

1.9general fund to the commissioner of health for a grant to a nonprofit organization located

1.10in North Minneapolis that provides low-income families of color with culturally appropriate

1.11birth and postpartum doula support, childbirth education, breastfeeding education, support

1.12groups, home visits, and referrals to community-based organizations. Grant funds must be

1.13used to support and expand the culturally appropriate services provided by this organization

1.14with the goal of reducing disparities in maternal and infant health in communities of color.

1.15This is a onetime appropriation and is available until expended.