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NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading

**OFFICIAL STATUS**

Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public health; modifying the health disparities grant program; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 145.928, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 145.928, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Goal; establishment.** It is the goal of the state, by 2010, to decrease by  
1.7 50 percent the disparities in infant mortality rates and adult and child immunization rates  
1.8 for American Indians and populations of color, as compared with rates for whites. To do  
1.9 so and to achieve other measurable outcomes, the commissioner of health shall establish a  
1.10 program to close the gap in the health status of American Indians and populations of color  
1.11 as compared with whites in the following priority areas: infant mortality, breast and cervical  
1.12 cancer screening, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, adult and child  
1.13 immunizations, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, ~~and~~ accidental injuries and violence, and  
1.14 other emerging public health issues.