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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to family law; appropriating money for a grant for coparent services.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER.

1.5 (a) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from
1.6 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to a health and wellness
1.7 center located in North Minneapolis that is a federally qualified health center. The center
1.8 must use the grant money to offer coparent services to unmarried parents. The center must
1.9 develop a process to inform and educate unmarried parents about the center's coparent
1.10 services. The coparent services must include the following:

1.11 (1) coparenting workshops for the unmarried parents;

1.12 (2) assistance to the unmarried parents in developing a parenting plan that specifies a
1.13 schedule of the time each parent spends with the child, child support obligations, and a
1.14 designation of decision-making responsibilities regarding the child's education, medical
1.15 needs, and religious upbringing;

1.16 (3) an assessment of social service needs for each parent; and

1.17 (4) additional social service support, including support related to employment, education,
1.18 and housing.

1.19 (b) The parenting plan assistance under paragraph (a) must include the option of using
1.20 private mediation.

- 2.1 (c) The coparent workshops required under paragraph (a) must focus at a minimum on
2.2 (i) the benefits to the child of having both parents involved in a child's life, (ii) promoting
2.3 both parents' participation in a child's life, (iii) building coparenting and communication
2.4 skills, (iv) information on establishing paternity, (v) assisting parents in developing a
2.5 parenting plan, and (vi) educating participants on how to foster a nonresident parent's
2.6 continued involvement in a child's life.