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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; requiring the commissioner of health to study and report on
1.3 disparities faced by women of color, American Indian women, and low-income
1.4 women in accessing prenatal care; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **STUDY AND REPORT; DISPARITIES IN ACCESSING PRENATAL**
1.7 **CARE.**

1.8 The commissioner of health shall study disparities in the adequacy, timeliness,
1.9 and scope of prenatal care received by women of color, American Indian women,
1.10 and low-income women, including identifying the sources of these disparities. The
1.11 commissioner shall conduct the study in consultation with organizations that represent
1.12 and serve families of color, American Indian families, or low-income families. By
1.13 September 1, 2017, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking
1.14 minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction
1.15 over health and human services policy on the results of the study and recommendations
1.16 for reducing and eliminating disparities in accessing prenatal care for women of color,
1.17 American Indian women, and low-income women.

1.18 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.19 \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.20 of health for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.928, subdivision 7, to
1.21 organizations that represent and serve families of color, American Indian families, or
1.22 low-income families for work associated with the study in section 1.