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A bill for an act

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relating to health; directing the use of grant funds for activities relating to the

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planning of an American Indian focused birth center; appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. AMERICAN INDIAN BIRTH CENTER PLANNING GRANT.

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Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$350,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2025 from the

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general fund to the commissioner of health for a grant to the Native American Community

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Clinic to plan for and engage the community in the development of an American Indian

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focused birth center to improve access to culturally centered prenatal and postpartum care

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with the goal of improving maternal and child health outcomes. This is a onetime

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appropriation.

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Subd. 2. Use of funds. The Native American Community Clinic must use the grant funds

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to perform the following activities as part of the clinic's planning process for the American

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Indian focused birth center:

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(1) identify and hire a project manager to lead the collaborative planning process across

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Birth Justice Collaborative partner agencies;

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(2) engage diverse American Indian communities and leaders to outline key cultural

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care strategies to support the pregnancy, birth, and postpartum experience; and

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(3) complete predesign development and planning, including:

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(i) identifying the type of birth center;

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(ii) identifying the birth center's key services and scope of work;

- 2.1 (iii) informing staffing and financing needs and strategies;
- 2.2 (iv) identifying potential partnerships with hospitals and health systems;
- 2.3 (v) identifying potential locations for new buildings or construction of existing spaces;
- 2.4 and
- 2.5 (vi) establishing an anticipated time for development.
- 2.6 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** By December 15, 2025, or 12 months after receiving the grant,
- 2.7 whichever is earlier, the Native American Community Clinic must submit a report to the
- 2.8 commissioner of health that:
- 2.9 (1) outlines the needs and plan for the development of an American Indian focused birth
- 2.10 center in Hennepin County;
- 2.11 (2) outlines potential state and public partnerships;
- 2.12 (3) outlines financing strategies; and
- 2.13 (4) provides an anticipated timeline for the birth center's development.