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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; appropriating money to the commissioner of health for a grant
1.3 to a nonprofit organization to provide doula support, childbirth, and postpartum
1.4 services to low-income families of color.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; DOULA SUPPORT, CHILDBIRTH, AND
1.7 POSTPARTUM 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
1.9 general fund to the commissioner of health for a grant to a nonprofit organization located
1.10 in North Minneapolis that provides low-income families of color with culturally appropriate
1.11 birth and postpartum doula support, childbirth education, breastfeeding education, support
1.12 groups, home visits, and referrals to community-based organizations. Grant funds must be
1.13 used to support and expand the culturally appropriate services provided by this organization
1.14 with the goal of reducing disparities in maternal and infant health in communities of color.
1.15 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until expended.