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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3775

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; establishing a research program to measure the impact on  
1.3 health care treatment outcomes and costs of providing iron-rich foods to children  
1.4 and pregnant women with iron deficiency anemia; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; GRANT PROGRAM TO INTEGRATE FOOD**  
1.7 **DISTRIBUTION IN TREATMENT OF IRON DEFICIENCY.**

1.8 \$250,000 in fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019 are appropriated from the general  
1.9 fund to the commissioner of health to provide a grant to a clinical program that will  
1.10 furnish iron-rich food and targeted nutrition education to high-risk pregnant women and  
1.11 families of children under age 21 to treat iron deficiency anemia. The grantee must use  
1.12 grant funds for the costs of:

1.13 (1) a clinical intervention consisting of colocated iron-rich food distribution and  
1.14 targeted nutrition education services provided to pregnant women and families of children  
1.15 under age 21 who have been diagnosed with or are at high risk of having iron deficiency  
1.16 anemia at levels creating an increased risk of impaired growth and development,  
1.17 susceptibility to lead poisoning, and other adverse health outcomes; and

1.18 (2) program evaluation to study the impact of the colocated clinical food distribution  
1.19 and nutrition education program on health care costs and treatment outcomes. The grantee  
1.20 must submit a report on the grant program and its results to the commissioner of health  
1.21 after completion of the three-year grant program.

1.22 This appropriation is available until expended.