

Subject Home visiting program for pregnant women and families

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Overview

This bill establishes grants for home visiting programs for pregnant women and families with young children. The commissioner of health is directed to award grants to organizations to start-up or expand evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising practice home visiting programs. The bill appropriates \$16.5 million in each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for the grants.

Summary

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1	Home visiting for pregnant women and families with young children.
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Creates §145.87.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines several terms used in the section, including: evidence-based home visiting program; evidence-informed home visiting program; and promising practice home visiting program.

Subd. 2. Grants for home visiting. Directs the commissioner of health to award grants to community health boards, nonprofit organizations, and tribal nations to start up or expand voluntary home visiting programs. Grant money must be used to establish evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising practice home visiting programs that address health equity, use community-driven strategies, and serve families with young children or pregnant women who are high risk or have high needs.

Subd. 3. Grant prioritization. Directs the commissioner to prioritize grants to programs seeking to expand home visiting services with community or regional partnerships. Requires that at least 75% of the grant money awarded each grant cycle supports evidence-based programs and up to 25% supports evidence-informed or promising practice programs.

Subd. 4. Administrative costs. Allows the commissioner to use up to 7% of the annual appropriation for training and technical assistance and to administer and

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evaluate the program, and allows the commissioner to contract for training, capacity-building, technical assistance, and evaluation support.

Subd. 5. Use of state general fund appropriations. Provides that appropriations dedicated to starting up or expanding evidence-based home visiting programs must be awarded according to this section beginning July 1, 2021. Provides that this section does not govern grant awards of federal funds for home visiting programs or grant awards of state funds dedicated to nurse-family partnership home visiting programs.

2	Appropriation; home visiting for pregnant women and families with young children.
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Appropriates \$16,500,000 in each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the commissioner of health for home visiting grants under §145.87.



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