

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to early childhood programs; appropriating money for a home visiting
1.3 program for pregnant women and families.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; HOME VISITING TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND**
1.6 **FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.**

1.7 \$139,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$139,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated
1.8 from the general fund to the commissioner of health to start up or expand home visiting
1.9 programs to pregnant women and families with young children to promote health equity
1.10 and innovation and to serve high-need families. The commissioner shall award grants to
1.11 community health boards, nonprofits, or tribal nations in urban and rural areas of the state.
1.12 Grant money must be used to start up or expand evidence-based or evidence-informed
1.13 targeted home visiting programs in the county, reservation, or region to serve families, such
1.14 as high-risk or high-need parents; parents with a history of mental illness, domestic abuse,
1.15 or substance abuse; or first-time mothers prenatally until the child is five years of age, who
1.16 are eligible for medical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B, or the federal
1.17 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. Priority for
1.18 grants to rural areas shall be given to community health boards, nonprofits, and tribal nations
1.19 that expand services within regional partnerships that provide evidence-based home visiting
1.20 programs. The commissioner shall allocate at least 75 percent of the grant money awarded
1.21 each grant cycle to evidence-based home visiting programs and up to 25 percent of the grant
1.22 funds awarded each grant cycle to evidence-informed targeted home visiting programs.

- 2.1 Appropriations dedicated to starting up or expanding evidence-based home visiting programs
- 2.2 shall, for grants awarded on or after July 1, 2022, be awarded according to this section.