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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Under current law an organization may receive governmental funding for pre-pregnancy family planning services from sources such as the federal Title X program, the maternal and child health block grant, and family planning grants funded with money from the general fund and the TANF fund.

This bill requires family planning grants using Title X funds, maternal and child health block grant funds, and general fund and TANF money appropriated for family planning grants under section 145.925, to be distributed according to that section. It specifies that public entities, hospitals, and certain federally qualified health centers are eligible for funds, and it authorizes subgrants to public and private entities that do not provide abortion services or have affiliates that provide abortion services, except in certain situations.

#### Section

- 1 Allocation to commissioner of health.** Amends section 145.882, subdivision 2. Requires any maternal and child health (MCH) block grant funds retained by the commissioner of health and used for grants for pre-pregnancy family planning services to be distributed according to section 145.925 (family planning grants).
- 2 Allocation to community health boards.** Amends section 145.882, subdivision 3. Amends a subdivision allocating MCH block grant funds to community health boards, to require MCH block grant funding allocated to community health boards and used for pre-pregnancy family planning services to be distributed according to section 145.925.

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- 3 Use of block grant money.** Amends section 145.882, subdivision 7. Adds a cross-reference to a subdivision listing allowable uses of MCH block grant money that is allocated to community health boards to include MCH funds distributed according to section 145.925.
- 4 Purpose.** Amends section 145.925, subdivision 1. Current law allows the commissioner of health to make grants to the listed entities to provide pre-pregnancy family planning services. This section requires the commissioner to make grants for family planning services; the list of entities eligible for grants is moved to subdivisions 1d and 1e in section 145.925.
- 5 Definitions.** Amends section 145.925, subdivision 1a. Adds definitions for the following terms: community health board, family planning, federally qualified health center, hospital, and public health clinic.
- 6 Commissioner to apply for federal Title X funds.** Adds subdivision 1b to section 145.925. Requires the commissioner of health to apply for federal Title X funds in each grant cycle, beginning with the federal 2018 grant cycle. (Title X is a federal grant program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs, to fund family planning and related preventive health services to low-income individuals.)
- 7 State and federal funds distributed according to this section.** Adds subdivision 1c to section 145.925. Requires the commissioner to distribute the following funds according to this section: federal Title X funds received by the commissioner of health; money appropriated from the general fund or the federal TANF fund for family planning grants under this section; and MCH block grant money used for pre-pregnancy family planning services.
- 8 Distribution; eligible entities.** Adds subdivision 1d to section 145.925. Requires the commissioner to distribute funds as follows:
- The commissioner shall distribute funds to public entities, including community health boards and public health clinics, that apply to the commissioner.
  - If any funds remain after the commissioner fulfills grant requests from public entities, the commissioner may distribute the remaining funds to hospitals or federally qualified health centers that provide comprehensive primary and preventive health care services and that apply to the commissioner for funds.
- 9 Subgrants from public entities.** Adds subdivision 1e to section 145.925. Allows a public entity that receives funds under subdivision 1d to distribute funds to other public or private entities to provide family planning services. Prohibits an entity from receiving a subgrant under this section if the entity provides abortion services or has an affiliate that provides abortion services, unless the entity or affiliate provides abortion services solely when the abortion is directly and medically necessary to save the life of the woman.
- 10 Reporting and publication of grant and subgrant recipients.** Adds subd. 10 to section 145.925. Requires public entities to report to the commissioner each grant cycle on subgrant recipients and subgrant amounts. Also requires the commissioner to publish a list of all grant and subgrant recipients and grant and subgrant amounts on the department's Web site.
- 11 Repealer.** Repeals the following subdivisions in the family planning grants section:

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- subdivision 2, which prohibits the commissioner from making grants to nonprofit corporations that perform abortions, excluding hospitals and health maintenance organizations; and
- subdivision 9, which required grant allocations in certain amounts to organizations that received grants on July 1, 1997.