

File Number: H.F. 1362
Version: As introduced

Date: March 3, 2017

Authors: Scott and others

Subject: Funding for co-parenting services for unmarried parents

Analyst: Mary Mullen

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd/.

Overview

Provides funding for co-parenting services to unmarried parents in the process of establishing paternity.

Section

- 1 Appropriation.** Appropriates money to the commissioner of human services for a grant to an organizations offering co-parenting services to unmarried parents who are in the process of establishing paternity. NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc. is the facility currently offering co-parenting services in Hennepin County, this grant would provide them with \$200,000 in each year to locate participants, and assist unmarried parents in creating visitation plans, discussing decision making about their children, and assessing social service needs for the parents including supports related to employment, education, and housing, including offering the option of private mediation. The co-parenting workshops funded through this appropriation would need to focus on both parents being involved in the child's life, developing good communication skills, and developing a visitation schedule for the child.