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Overview

This bill requires that colleges and universities provide to pregnant students and students of young children information regarding the students' rights and available resources. The bill also establishes a grant program within the Department of Health for entities that assist pregnant women or parents of young children.

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- Information provided to students. Requires any public or accredited private postsecondary institution to provide a fact sheet to pregnant students and students who are parents of young children. The fact sheet must include information regarding the students' legal rights and resources available to the student.
- 2 Grant program.
 - **Subd. 1. Definitions.** Provides definitions for "low-income," "student parent," and "student parent program."
 - **Subd. 2. Grant program.** Establishes a grant program administered by the Department of Health to support entities working with pregnant women or parents of young children.
 - **Subd. 3. Entities eligible for grants.** Allows grants to be provided to public or accredited private postsecondary institutions and community-based organizations serving low-income clients.

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Subd. 4. Uses of grant funds. Lists permitted uses of grant funds. Generally, permitted uses include services for persons, especially students, who are pregnant or the parent of a young child.

- **Subd. 5. Biennial reports required.** Provides that the commissioner of health must submit a biennial report to the legislature regarding the operation and effect of the grant program.
- **Appropriation.** Provides a blank appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the 2018-2019 biennium.