

**Subject** Health disparities and individuals with disabilities

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## Overview

The commissioner of health administers a program to reduce and eliminate health disparities among American Indians and populations of color, as compared with white persons. This bill directs the commissioner to also address health disparities experienced by individuals with disabilities, by requiring the commissioner of health to also focus on health disparities among persons of color with disabilities and American Indians with disabilities.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>State-community partnerships; plan.</b><br>Amends § 145.928, subd. 2. Requires the plan to reduce health disparities developed and implemented by the commissioner of health to also address disabilities and to be developed and implemented consistent with provisions in federal law governing assistance for persons with developmental disabilities. In developing and implementing this plan, requires the commissioner to consult with the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing and the Council on Developmental Disabilities. |
| 2 | <b>Persons of color and American Indians with disabilities.</b><br>Adds subd. 2a to § 145.928. Directs the commissioner of health to focus on health disparities among persons of color with disabilities and American Indians with disabilities.   |
| 3 | <b>Community grant program; immunization rates, prenatal care access and utilization, and infant mortality rates.</b><br>Amends § 145.928, subd. 7. In awarding grants under this subdivision, directs the commissioner to focus on reducing health disparities among persons of color or American Indians who have disabilities, are LGBTQ, are low-income, or are geographically underserved.   |



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