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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 organization in North Minneapolis that is a federally qualified health center offering co-parenting services to unmarried parents who are in the process of establishing paternity. This grant would provide \$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. The parenting plan must include an option of private mediation.