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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing grants for an AIDS prevention initiative focusing
1.3 on African-born Minnesotans; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **AIDS PREVENTION INITIATIVE FOCUSING ON AFRICAN-BORN**
1.6 **RESIDENTS.**

1.7 The commissioner of health shall award grants in accordance with Minnesota
1.8 Statutes, section 145.924, paragraph (b), for a public education and awareness campaign
1.9 targeting communities of African-born Minnesota residents. The grants shall be designed
1.10 to promote knowledge and understanding about HIV and to increase knowledge in order
1.11 to eliminate and reduce the risk for HIV infection; to encourage screening and testing for
1.12 HIV; and to link individuals to public health and health care resources. The grants must be
1.13 awarded to collaborative efforts that bring together nonprofit community-based groups
1.14 with demonstrated experience in addressing the public health, health care, and social
1.15 service needs of African-born communities.

1.16 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.17 \$300,000 is appropriated for fiscal year 2008 from the general fund to the
1.18 commissioner of health for the purpose of section 1. This appropriation is a onetime
1.19 appropriation and shall not become part of the base-level funding for the 2008-2009
1.20 biennium.