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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; appropriating money for support services for families with
1.3 children who are deaf or who have a hearing loss.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$200,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for
1.7 the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, for the purpose of providing family support and
1.8 assistance to families with children who are deaf or have a hearing loss. The family
1.9 support provided must include direct parent-to-parent assistance and information on
1.10 communication, educational, and medical options. The commissioner may contract with a
1.11 nonprofit organization that has the ability to provide these services throughout the state.