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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 human services; providing a grant for the establishment of the kinship
1.3 navigator program for grandparents and relatives raising related children;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$350,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human
1.8 services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, for a two-year demonstration grant, to
1.9 be transferred to the Minnesota Kinship Caregivers Association (MKCA) for purposes
1.10 of providing support to grandparents or relatives who are raising kinship children. The
1.11 demonstration grant sites must include the MKCA central site in the metropolitan area
1.12 and another site in the Bemidji region. The support must provide a one-stop services
1.13 program. The services that may be provided include, but are not limited to, legal services,
1.14 education, information, family activities, support groups, mental health access, advocacy,
1.15 mentors, and information related to foster care licensing. The funds may also be used for
1.16 a media campaign to inform kinship families about available information and services,
1.17 support sites, and other program development.