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The bill was read for the first time and Interim introduction, referred to Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a statewide cord blood bank; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[145.9285] CORD BLOOD BANK.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of health shall establish and
1.7 maintain a cord blood bank for the storage of umbilical and placental cord blood for
1.8 private and public use. The commissioner shall adopt methods for the collection and
1.9 storage of cord blood in the state cord blood bank and determine the fee charged to persons
1.10 who store their child's cord blood for future private use.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section the following terms have
1.12 the meanings given:

1.13 (1) "private use" means future autologous use of stored cord blood and donation
1.14 of cord blood to a recipient designated by the donor; and

1.15 (2) "public use" means donation of cord blood to persons unrelated or unknown to
1.16 the donor and donation of cord blood for research purposes.

1.17 Subd. 3. **Public education campaign.** The commissioner of health shall establish
1.18 an education campaign for health care providers and expectant parents on the benefits of
1.19 public and private storage of umbilical and placental cord blood and cord blood banking
1.20 options.

1.21 Sec. 2. **STUDY OF PRIVATE CORD BLOOD STORAGE COSTS.**

1.22 The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of human
1.23 services and the commissioner of commerce, shall conduct a study of ways to cover the

2.1 costs of private cord blood storage and report to the legislature by February 1, 2009. The
2.2 report must include recommendations for requiring health plans and medical assistance to
2.3 cover the costs of private cord blood storage for persons with known risk factors who are
2.4 likely to benefit from a cord blood transplant.

2.5 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6 (a) \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the
2.7 commissioner of health for the establishment of a state cord blood bank and the education
2.8 campaign required under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9285.

2.9 (b) \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the
2.10 commissioner of health to study ways to cover the costs of cord blood storage for private
2.11 use.