Directs the secretary of the department of health to establish a pilot program to provide merit checks of no more than one hundred dollars to no more than four hundred fifty couples who complete a family preparation course. Matching funds may be used to increase the number of participants in the pilot program. The pilot program must begin no later than January 1, 2007, and continue for no more than five years, in a county with a population between seven hundred twenty thousand and one million.

Provides that, under the pilot program, a man and a woman who intend to apply for a marriage license may, together or separately, complete a family preparation course of not less than four hours with a family preparation course provider registered with the clerk of the county.

Appropriates the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the department of health for the purposes of this act.