

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program;
 3 establishing the Kidcare Operational Efficiency and
 4 Health Care Improvement Workgroup to maximize the
 5 return on investment and enhance the operational
 6 efficiencies of the Florida Kidcare program; providing
 7 for duties, staffing, and membership of the workgroup;
 8 providing that members of the workgroup serve on a
 9 voluntary basis; requiring a report to the Governor
 10 and Legislature; providing for expiration of the
 11 workgroup; providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Kidcare Operational Efficiency and Health Care
 16 Improvement Workgroup.—The Kidcare Operational Efficiency and
 17 Health Care Improvement Workgroup is established to maximize the
 18 return on investment and streamline and enhance the operational
 19 efficiencies of the Florida Kidcare program to provide improved
 20 health care services to children. Members of the workgroup shall
 21 serve on a voluntary basis.

22 (1) The workgroup shall be convened and staffed by the
 23 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation and shall consist of the
 24 following members:

25 (a) The President of the Florida Chapter of the American

- 26 | Academy of Pediatrics or a designee.
- 27 | (b) The State Health Officer or a designee.
- 28 | (c) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or a
 29 | designee with a background in children's health policy.
- 30 | (d) The assistant secretary for child welfare of the
 31 | Department of Children and Families or a designee.
- 32 | (e) A representative of directors of the Florida Healthy
 33 | Kids Corporation.
- 34 | (f) A representative of the Florida Association of
 35 | Children's Hospitals, Inc.
- 36 | (g) A representative of the Florida Covering Kids and
 37 | Families Coalition.
- 38 | (h) A representative of the Florida Association of Health
 39 | Plans.
- 40 | (i) A representative of the Florida Children's Council
 41 | with a background in children's health policy.
- 42 | (j) The Director of Children's Medical Services or a
 43 | designee.
- 44 | (k) A parent with a child in the Florida Kidcare program.
- 45 | (2) The workgroup shall:
- 46 | (a) Examine successful and innovative models to provide
 47 | improved value and health care outcomes.
- 48 | (b) Develop recommendations to streamline and unify the
 49 | program to provide greater operational efficiencies, including
 50 | recommendations for a single benefits package, a single set of

51 performance measures, and a single third-party administrator.

52 (c) Provide any necessary transition plans.

53 (d) Provide recommendations regarding federal waivers for
54 children's health care to the Agency for Health Care
55 Administration, which shall obtain specific legislative
56 authorization before seeking, applying for, accepting, or
57 renewing any federal waiver.

58 (3) The workgroup shall submit a report on its findings
59 and recommendations for streamlining the Florida Kidcare program
60 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
61 the House of Representatives by December 31, 2017.

62 (4) This section expires December 31, 2017.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.