

By Senator King

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See HB 1447

1                           A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Medicaid eligibility;  
3           amending s. 409.904, F.S.; providing Medicaid  
4           eligibility for certain disabled persons under  
5           a Medicaid buy-in program, subject to specific  
6           federal authorization; directing the Agency for  
7           Health Care Administration to seek a federal  
8           grant, demonstration project, or waiver for  
9           establishment of such buy-in program, subject  
10          to a specific appropriation; providing an  
11          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. Subsection (8) is added to section 409.904,  
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17           409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The  
18 agency may make payments for medical assistance and related  
19 services on behalf of the following persons who are determined  
20 to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical  
21 eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment  
22 on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
23 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
24 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

25           (8) Subject to specific federal authorization, a  
26 person who, but for earnings in excess of the limit  
27 established under s. 1905(q)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act,  
28 would be considered for receiving supplemental security  
29 income, who is at least 16 but less than 65 years of age, and  
30 whose assets, resources, and earned or unearned income, or  
31 both, do not exceed 250 percent of the most current federal

1 poverty level. Such persons may be eligible for Medicaid  
2 services as part of a Medicaid buy-in established under s.  
3 409.914(2) specifically designed to accommodate those persons  
4 made eligible for such a buy-in by Title II of Pub. L. No.  
5 106-170. Such buy-in shall include income-related premiums and  
6 cost sharing.

7 Section 2. Subject to a specific appropriation, the  
8 Agency for Health Care Administration is directed to seek a  
9 federal grant, demonstration project, or waiver, as may be  
10 authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human  
11 Services, for purposes of establishing a Medicaid buy-in  
12 program for certain disabled persons whose medical  
13 improvements permit them to return to work. The services to be  
14 provided under the buy-in are those medical assistance  
15 services required to enable such individuals to remain  
16 employed. The grant, demonstration project, or waiver  
17 application shall be submitted to the Secretary of Health and  
18 Human Services at such time, in such manner, and containing  
19 such information as the secretary shall require, as authorized  
20 under Title II of Pub. L. No. 106-170, the "Ticket to Work and  
21 Work Incentives Act of 1999."

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

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24 HOUSE SUMMARY

25 Provides Medicaid eligibility under a Medicaid buy-in  
26 program to provide medical assistance to disabled persons  
27 who meet described criteria, subject to specific federal  
28 authorization. Subject to a specific appropriation,  
29 directs the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek  
30 a grant, demonstration project, or waiver from the U.S.  
31 Secretary of Health and Human Services for the purpose of  
establishing such buy-in program.