

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; and  
Senator Dawson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health care assistance;  
3           amending s. 216.136, F.S.; requiring the Social  
4           Services Estimating Conference to develop  
5           certain information relating to the Florida  
6           Kidcare program; amending s. 409.8132, F.S.;  
7           revising eligibility requirements for the  
8           Medikids program component of the Florida  
9           Kidcare program; removing the applicability of  
10          the Medicaid third-party liability requirements  
11          to the Medikids program; revising enrollment  
12          procedures; allowing mandatory assignment;  
13          amending s. 409.8134, F.S.; requiring agencies  
14          that administer Florida Kidcare components to  
15          collect certain information and report to the  
16          Social Services Estimating Conference; amending  
17          s. 409.814, F.S.; providing for  
18          Medicaid-presumptive eligibility; providing for  
19          expedited enrollment; revising eligibility for  
20          certain children for services under the  
21          Children's Medical Services network; allowing  
22          premium assistance for certain children  
23          ineligible for federal funding; extending the  
24          period of continuous eligibility for the  
25          Florida Kidcare program; amending s. 409.815,  
26          F.S.; providing for dental benefits under the  
27          Florida Kidcare program; amending s. 409.8177,  
28          F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
29          Administration to submit additional monthly  
30          reports to the Governor and Legislature;  
31          revising evaluation requirements; amending s.

1 409.818, F.S.; extending the period of  
2 continuous eligibility for the Florida Kidcare  
3 program; requiring simplified eligibility  
4 redetermination; amending s. 409.903, F.S.;  
5 providing for presumptive eligibility for  
6 children eligible for Medicaid; amending s.  
7 409.904, F.S.; revising the eligibility  
8 requirements for optional payments for medical  
9 assistance and related services for certain  
10 children; authorizing optional payments for  
11 certain pregnant women; providing for  
12 presumptive eligibility; requiring the Division  
13 of State Group Insurance of the Department of  
14 Management Services to develop a program to  
15 subsidize health insurance coverage for  
16 children of certain state employees; providing  
17 applicability of the act to certain contracts;  
18 providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 216.136, Florida  
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24 216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and  
25 principals.--

26 (6) SOCIAL SERVICES ESTIMATING CONFERENCE.--

27 (a) Duties.--

28 1. The Social Services Estimating Conference shall  
29 develop such official information relating to the social  
30 services system of the state, including forecasts of social  
31 services caseloads, as the conference determines is needed for

1 the state planning and budgeting system. Such official  
2 information shall include, but not be limited to, subsidized  
3 child care caseloads mandated by the Family Support Act of  
4 1988.

5           2. In addition, the Social Services Estimating  
6 Conference shall develop estimates and forecasts of the  
7 unduplicated count of children eligible for subsidized child  
8 care as defined in s. 402.3015(1). These estimates and  
9 forecasts shall not include children enrolled in the  
10 prekindergarten early intervention program established in s.  
11 230.2305.

12           3. The Department of Children and Family Services and  
13 the Department of Education shall provide information on  
14 caseloads and waiting lists for the subsidized child care and  
15 prekindergarten early intervention programs requested by the  
16 Social Services Estimating Conference or individual conference  
17 principals, in a timely manner.

18           4. The Social Services Estimating Conference shall  
19 develop information relating to the Florida Kidcare program,  
20 including, but not limited to, enrollment, caseload,  
21 utilization, and expenditure information that the conference  
22 determines is needed to plan for and project future budgets  
23 and the drawdown of federal matching funds. The agencies  
24 required to collect and analyze Florida Kidcare program data  
25 under s. 409.8134 shall be participants in the Social Services  
26 Estimating Conference for purposes of developing information  
27 relating to the Florida Kidcare program.

28           (b) Principals.--The Executive Office of the Governor,  
29 the coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic  
30 Research, and professional staff, who have forecasting  
31 expertise, from the Department of Children and Family

1 Services, the Senate, and the House of Representatives, or  
2 their designees, are the principals of the Social Services  
3 Estimating Conference. The principal representing the  
4 Executive Office of the Governor shall preside over sessions  
5 of the conference.

6 Section 2. Subsections (4), (6), (7), and (8) of  
7 section 409.8132, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

8 409.8132 Medikids program component.--

9 (4) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS RELATING TO MEDICAID.--The  
10 provisions of ss. 409.902, 409.905, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908,  
11 ~~409.910~~, 409.912, 409.9121, 409.9122, 409.9123, 409.9124,  
12 409.9127, 409.9128, 409.913, 409.916, 409.919, 409.920, and  
13 409.9205 apply to the administration of the Medikids program  
14 component of the Florida Kidcare program, except that s.  
15 409.9122 applies to Medikids as modified by the provisions of  
16 subsection (7).

17 (6) ELIGIBILITY.--

18 (a) A child who has attained the age of 1 year but who  
19 is under the age of 5 years is eligible to enroll in the  
20 Medikids program component of the Florida Kidcare program, if  
21 the child is a member of a family that has a family income  
22 which exceeds the Medicaid applicable income level as  
23 specified in s. 409.903, but which is equal to or below 200  
24 percent of the current federal poverty level. In determining  
25 the eligibility of such a child, an assets test is not  
26 required. A child who is eligible for Medikids may elect to  
27 enroll in Florida Healthy Kids coverage or employer-sponsored  
28 group coverage. However, a child who is eligible for Medikids  
29 may participate in the Florida Healthy Kids program only if  
30 the child has a sibling participating in the Florida Healthy  
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1 Kids program and the child's county of residence permits such  
2 enrollment.

3 (b) The provisions of s. 409.814(3), (4), and (5)  
4 shall be applicable to the Medikids program.

5 (7) ENROLLMENT.--Enrollment in the Medikids program  
6 component may only occur during periodic open enrollment  
7 periods as specified by the agency. ~~During the first 12 months~~  
8 ~~of the program, there shall be at least one, but no more than~~  
9 ~~three, open enrollment periods. The initial open enrollment~~  
10 ~~period shall be for 90 days, and subsequent open enrollment~~  
11 ~~periods during the first year of operation of the program~~  
12 ~~shall be for 30 days. After the first year of the program, the~~  
13 ~~agency shall determine the frequency and duration of open~~  
14 ~~enrollment periods.~~An applicant may apply for enrollment in  
15 the Medikids program component and proceed through the  
16 eligibility determination process at any time throughout the  
17 year. However, enrollment in Medikids shall not begin until  
18 the next open enrollment period; and a child may not receive  
19 services under the Medikids program until the child is  
20 enrolled in a managed care plan or MediPass. In addition, once  
21 determined eligible, an applicant may receive choice  
22 counseling and select a managed care plan or MediPass. The  
23 agency may initiate mandatory assignment for a Medikids  
24 applicant who has not chosen a managed care plan or MediPass  
25 provider after the applicant's voluntary choice period ends.  
26 An applicant may select MediPass under the Medikids program  
27 component only in counties that have fewer than two managed  
28 care plans available to serve Medicaid recipients and only if  
29 the federal Health Care Financing Administration determines  
30 that MediPass constitutes "health insurance coverage" as  
31 defined in Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

1           (8) SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS.--The agency shall  
2 establish a special enrollment period of 30 days' duration ~~for~~  
3 ~~any newborn child who is eligible for Medikids, or for any~~  
4 child who is enrolled in Medicaid if such child loses Medicaid  
5 eligibility and becomes eligible for Medikids, or for any  
6 child who is enrolled in Medikids if such child moves to  
7 another county that is not within the coverage area of the  
8 child's Medikids managed care plan or MediPass provider.

9           Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 409.8134, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11           409.8134 Program enrollment and expenditure  
12 ceilings.--

13           (3) The agencies that administer the Florida Kidcare  
14 program components ~~agency~~ shall collect and analyze the data  
15 needed to project Florida Kidcare program enrollment,  
16 including participation rates, caseloads, and expenditures.  
17 The agencies ~~agency~~ shall report the caseload and expenditure  
18 trends to the Social Services Estimating Conference in  
19 accordance with chapter 216.

20           Section 4. Section 409.814, Florida Statutes, is  
21 amended to read:

22           409.814 Eligibility.--A child whose family income is  
23 equal to or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level is  
24 eligible for the Florida Kidcare program as provided in this  
25 section. In determining the eligibility of such a child, an  
26 assets test is not required. An applicant under 19 years of  
27 age who, based on a complete application, appears to be  
28 eligible for the Medicaid component of the Florida Kidcare  
29 program is presumed eligible for coverage under Medicaid,  
30 subject to federal rules. A child who has been deemed  
31 presumptively eligible for Medicaid shall not be enrolled in a

1 managed care plan until the child's full eligibility  
2 determination for Medicaid has been completed. An applicant  
3 under 19 years of age who, based on a complete application,  
4 appears to be eligible for the Medikids, Florida Healthy Kids,  
5 or Children's Medical Services network program component and  
6 who is screened as ineligible for Medicaid may, prior to the  
7 monthly verification of the applicant's enrollment in Medicaid  
8 or of eligibility for coverage under the state employee health  
9 benefit plan, be enrolled in and begin receiving coverage from  
10 the appropriate program component on the first day of the  
11 month following the receipt of a completed application. For  
12 enrollment in the Children's Medical Services network, a  
13 complete application includes the medical or behavioral health  
14 screening. If, after verification, an individual is determined  
15 to be ineligible for coverage, he or she must be disenrolled  
16 from the respective Title-XXI-funded Kidcare program  
17 component.

18 (1) A child who is eligible for Medicaid coverage  
19 under s. 409.903 or s. 409.904 must be enrolled in Medicaid  
20 and is not eligible to receive health benefits under any other  
21 health benefits coverage authorized under ss. 409.810-409.820.

22 (2) A child who is not eligible for Medicaid, but who  
23 is eligible for the Florida Kidcare program, may obtain  
24 coverage under any of the other types of health benefits  
25 coverage authorized in ss. 409.810-409.820 if such coverage is  
26 approved and available in the county in which the child  
27 resides. However, a child who is eligible for Medikids may  
28 participate in the Florida Healthy Kids program only if the  
29 child has a sibling participating in the Florida Healthy Kids  
30 program and the child's county of residence permits such  
31 enrollment.

1           (3) A child who is eligible for the Florida Kidcare  
2 program who is a child with special health care needs, as  
3 determined through a medical or behavioral screening  
4 ~~risk-screening~~ instrument, is eligible for health benefits  
5 coverage from and must ~~may~~ be referred to the Children's  
6 Medical Services network. When calculating income for purposes  
7 of determining the financial eligibility of a child with  
8 special health care needs, except for a child who is eligible  
9 for Medicaid, the department and the Florida Healthy Kids  
10 Corporation shall implement an income disregard for medical or  
11 behavioral costs of the child.

12           (4) The following children are not eligible to receive  
13 premium assistance for health benefits coverage under ss.  
14 409.810-409.820, except under Medicaid if the child would have  
15 been eligible for Medicaid under s. 409.903 or s. 409.904 as  
16 of June 1, 1997:

17           (a) A child who is eligible for coverage under a state  
18 health benefit plan on the basis of a family member's  
19 employment with a public agency in the state.†

20           (b) A child who is covered under a group health  
21 benefit plan or under other health insurance coverage,  
22 excluding coverage provided under the Florida Healthy Kids  
23 Corporation as established under s. 624.91.†

24           (c) A child who is seeking premium assistance for  
25 employer-sponsored group coverage, if the child has been  
26 covered by the same employer's group coverage during the 6  
27 months prior to the family's submitting an application for  
28 determination of eligibility under the Florida Kidcare  
29 program.†

30           (d) A child who is an alien, but who does not meet the  
31 definition of qualified alien, in the United States. However,



1 such child may be enrolled, based on age and family income, in  
2 the appropriate Florida Kidcare program, and premium  
3 assistance must be provided only by state funds, subject to an  
4 annual appropriation for this specific purpose. ~~or~~

5 (e) A child who is an inmate of a public institution  
6 or a patient in an institution for mental diseases.

7 (5) Except for children enrolled in the Children's  
8 Medical Services network who qualify under an income  
9 disregard, a child whose family income is above 200 percent of  
10 the federal poverty level or a child who is excluded under the  
11 provisions of subsection (4) may participate in the Florida  
12 Kidcare program, excluding the Medicaid program, but is  
13 subject to the following provisions:

14 (a) The family is not eligible for premium assistance  
15 payments and must pay the full cost of the premium, including  
16 any administrative costs.

17 (b) The agency is authorized to place limits on  
18 enrollment in Medikids by these children in order to avoid  
19 adverse selection. The number of children participating in  
20 Medikids whose family income exceeds 200 percent of the  
21 federal poverty level must not exceed 10 percent of total  
22 enrollees in the Medikids program.

23 (c) The board of directors of the Florida Healthy Kids  
24 Corporation is authorized to place limits on enrollment of  
25 these children in order to avoid adverse selection. In  
26 addition, the board is authorized to offer a reduced benefit  
27 package to these children in order to limit program costs for  
28 such families. The number of children participating in the  
29 Florida Healthy Kids program whose family income exceeds 200  
30 percent of the federal poverty level must not exceed 10  
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1 percent of total enrollees in the Florida Healthy Kids  
2 program.

3 (d) Children described in this subsection are not  
4 counted in the annual enrollment ceiling for the Florida  
5 Kidcare program.

6 (6) Once a child is enrolled in ~~determined eligible~~  
7 ~~for~~ the Florida Kidcare program, the child is eligible for  
8 coverage under the program for 12 ~~6~~ months without a  
9 redetermination or reverification of eligibility, if the  
10 family continues to pay the applicable premium. ~~Effective~~  
11 ~~January 1, 1999, a child who has not attained the age of 5 and~~  
12 ~~who has been determined eligible for the Medicaid program is~~  
13 ~~eligible for coverage for 12 months without a redetermination~~  
14 ~~or reverification of eligibility.~~

15 Section 5. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of  
16 section 409.815, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 409.815 Health benefits coverage; limitations.--

18 (2) BENCHMARK BENEFITS.--In order for health benefits  
19 coverage to qualify for premium assistance payments for an  
20 eligible child under ss. 409.810-409.820, the health benefits  
21 coverage, except for coverage under Medicaid and Medikids,  
22 must include the following minimum benefits, as medically  
23 necessary.

24 (v) Dental services.--Dental services must include  
25 those services specified in s. 409.906(6).

26 Section 6. Section 409.8177, Florida Statutes, is  
27 amended to read:

28 409.8177 Program evaluation.--The agency, in  
29 consultation with the Department of Health, the Department of  
30 Children and Family Services, and the Florida Healthy Kids  
31 Corporation, shall:

1           (1) Monthly submit to the Governor and the Legislature  
2 a report of enrollment for each program component of the  
3 Florida Kidcare program.

4           (2) By January 1 of each year, submit to the Governor  
5 and the Legislature a report of the Florida Kidcare program.  
6 In addition to the items specified under s. 2108 of Title XXI  
7 of the Social Security Act, the report shall include an  
8 assessment of crowd-out and access to health care, as well as  
9 the following:

10           (a)~~(1)~~ An assessment of the operation of the program,  
11 including the progress made in reducing the number of  
12 uncovered low-income children.

13           (b)~~(2)~~ An assessment of the effectiveness in  
14 increasing the number of children with creditable health  
15 coverage, including an assessment of the impact of outreach.

16           (c)~~(3)~~ The characteristics of the children and  
17 families assisted under the program, including ages of the  
18 children, family income, and access to or coverage by other  
19 health insurance prior to the program and after disenrollment  
20 from the program.

21           (d)~~(4)~~ The quality of health coverage provided,  
22 including the types of benefits provided.

23           (e)~~(5)~~ The amount and level, including payment of part  
24 or all of any premium, of assistance provided.

25           (f)~~(6)~~ The average length of coverage of a child under  
26 the program.

27           (g)~~(7)~~ The program's choice of health benefits  
28 coverage and other methods used for providing child health  
29 assistance.

30           (h)~~(8)~~ The sources of nonfederal funding used in the  
31 program.

1        (i)~~(9)~~ An assessment of the effectiveness of Medikids,  
2 Children's Medical Services network, and other public and  
3 private programs in the state in increasing the availability  
4 of affordable quality health insurance and health care for  
5 children.

6        (j)~~(10)~~ A review and assessment of state activities to  
7 coordinate the program with other public and private programs.

8        (k)~~(11)~~ An analysis of changes and trends in the state  
9 that affect the provision of health insurance and health care  
10 to children.

11        (l)~~(12)~~ A description of any plans the state has for  
12 improving the availability of health insurance and health care  
13 for children.

14        (m)~~(13)~~ Recommendations for improving the program.

15        (n)~~(14)~~ Other studies as necessary.

16        Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 409.818, Florida  
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18        409.818 Administration.--In order to implement ss.  
19 409.810-409.820, the following agencies shall have the  
20 following duties:

21        (1) The Department of Children and Family Services  
22 shall:

23        (a) Develop a simplified eligibility application  
24 mail-in form to be used for determining the eligibility of  
25 children for coverage under the Florida Kidcare program, in  
26 consultation with the agency, the Department of Health, and  
27 the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation. The simplified  
28 eligibility application form must include an item that  
29 provides an opportunity for the applicant to indicate whether  
30 coverage is being sought for a child with special health care  
31 needs. Families applying for children's Medicaid coverage must

1 also be able to use the simplified application form without  
2 having to pay a premium.

3 (b) Establish and maintain the eligibility  
4 determination process under the program except as specified in  
5 subsection (5). The department shall directly, or through the  
6 services of a contracted third-party administrator, establish  
7 and maintain a process for determining eligibility of children  
8 for coverage under the program. The eligibility determination  
9 process must be used solely for determining eligibility of  
10 applicants for health benefits coverage under the program. The  
11 eligibility determination process must include an initial  
12 determination of eligibility for any coverage offered under  
13 the program, as well as a redetermination or reverification of  
14 eligibility each subsequent 12 ~~6~~ months. ~~Effective January 1,~~  
15 ~~1999, a child who has not attained the age of 5 and who has~~  
16 ~~been determined eligible for the Medicaid program is eligible~~  
17 ~~for coverage for 12 months without a redetermination or~~  
18 ~~reverification of eligibility.~~In conducting an eligibility  
19 determination, the department shall determine if the child has  
20 special health care needs. The department, in consultation  
21 with the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Florida  
22 Healthy Kids Corporation, shall develop procedures for  
23 redetermining eligibility which enable a family to easily  
24 update any change in circumstances which could affect  
25 eligibility without requiring the family to submit a new  
26 application. Redetermination of a child's eligibility for  
27 Medicaid may not be linked to a child's eligibility  
28 determination for other programs.

29 (c) Inform program applicants about eligibility  
30 determinations and provide information about eligibility of  
31 applicants to Medicaid, Medikids, the Children's Medical

1 Services network, and the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation,  
2 and to insurers and their agents, through a centralized  
3 coordinating office.

4 (d) Adopt rules necessary for conducting program  
5 eligibility functions.

6 Section 8. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 409.903,  
7 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

8 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.--The  
9 agency shall make payments for medical assistance and related  
10 services on behalf of the following persons who the agency  
11 determines to be eligible, subject to the income, assets, and  
12 categorical eligibility tests set forth in federal and state  
13 law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is  
14 subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations  
15 established by the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

16 (6) A child born after September 30, 1983, living in a  
17 family that has an income which is at or below 100 percent of  
18 the current federal poverty level, who has attained the age of  
19 6, but has not attained the age of 19. In determining the  
20 eligibility of such a child, an assets test is not required. A  
21 child who is eligible for Medicaid under this subsection must  
22 be offered the opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be  
23 made presumptively eligible. A child who has been deemed  
24 presumptively eligible for Medicaid shall not be enrolled in a  
25 managed care plan until the child's full eligibility  
26 determination for Medicaid has been completed.

27 (7) A child living in a family that has an income  
28 which is at or below 133 percent of the current federal  
29 poverty level, who has attained the age of 1, but has not  
30 attained the age of 6. In determining the eligibility of such  
31 a child, an assets test is not required. A child who is

1 eligible for Medicaid under this subsection must be offered  
2 the opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be made  
3 presumptively eligible. A child who has been deemed  
4 presumptively eligible for Medicaid shall not be enrolled in a  
5 managed care plan until the child's full eligibility  
6 determination for Medicaid has been completed.

7 Section 9. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 409.904,  
8 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (8) and (9) are  
9 added to that section, to read:

10 409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The  
11 agency may make payments for medical assistance and related  
12 services on behalf of the following persons who are determined  
13 to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical  
14 eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment  
15 on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
16 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
17 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

18 (6) A child born before October 1, 1983, living in a  
19 family that has an income which is at or below 100 percent of  
20 the current federal poverty level, who has attained the age of  
21 6, but has not attained the age of 19, and who would be  
22 eligible in s. 409.903(6), if the child had been born on or  
23 after such date. In determining the eligibility of such a  
24 child, an assets test is not required. A child who is eligible  
25 for Medicaid under this subsection must be offered the  
26 opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be made  
27 presumptively eligible.

28 (7) A child who has not attained the age of 19 who has  
29 been determined eligible for the Medicaid program is deemed to  
30 be eligible for a total of 12 ~~6~~ months, regardless of changes  
31 in circumstances other than attainment of the maximum age.

1 ~~Effective January 1, 1999, a child who has not attained the~~  
2 ~~age of 5 and who has been determined eligible for the Medicaid~~  
3 ~~program is deemed to be eligible for a total of 12 months~~  
4 ~~regardless of changes in circumstances other than attainment~~  
5 ~~of the maximum age.~~

6 (8) A child under 1 year of age who lives in a family  
7 that has an income above 185 percent of the most recently  
8 published federal poverty level, but which is at or below 200  
9 percent of such poverty level. In determining the eligibility  
10 of such child, an assets test is not required. A child who is  
11 eligible for Medicaid under this subsection must be offered  
12 the opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be made  
13 presumptively eligible.

14 (9) A pregnant woman for the duration of her pregnancy  
15 and for the postpartum period, as defined in federal law and  
16 rule, who lives in a family that has an income above 185  
17 percent of the current federal poverty level, but which is at  
18 or below 200 percent of the most current federal poverty  
19 level. A pregnant woman who applies for eligibility for the  
20 Medicaid program through a qualified Medicaid provider must be  
21 offered the opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be made  
22 presumptively eligible for the Medicaid program.

23 Section 10. The Division of State Group Insurance of  
24 the Department of Management Services shall develop a program  
25 to subsidize health insurance coverage for children of state  
26 employees if funds are made available for this purpose in the  
27 General Appropriations Act. Premium subsidies must be  
28 available only to state employees who have children under 19  
29 years of age and whose family income is equal to or below 200  
30 percent of the federal poverty level. The amount of the  
31 subsidy is to be determined by subtracting from the cost of



1 the employee family premium the cost for the individual state  
2 employee and the amount of the premium paid by Title  
3 XXI-subsidized families in the Florida Kidcare program.  
4 Eligibility for subsidized health insurance coverage for  
5 children of state employees must be determined, to the extent  
6 possible, using procedures and forms of the Florida Kidcare  
7 program.

8 Section 11. The provisions of this act which would  
9 require changes to contracts in existence on June 30, 2000,  
10 between the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation and its  
11 contracted providers shall be applied to such contracts upon  
12 renewal of the contracts, but no later than July 1, 2002.

13 Section 12. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
14 law.

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16 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
18 Senate Bill 212

19 The Committee Substitute removes the applicability of the  
20 Medicaid third party liability requirements to the Medikids  
21 program; allows mandatory assignment of Medikids applicants  
22 who do not make a voluntary choice of providers; requires that  
23 presumptively eligible children not be enrolled in managed  
24 care plans until the child's full eligibility for Medicaid has  
25 been completed; deletes the creation of a separate Kidcare  
26 dental program and adds dental services to the benchmark  
27 benefits for Kidcare; adds a requirement that the Kidcare  
28 annual report assess the impact of outreach; and allows the  
29 Healthy Kids Corporation to apply the provisions of the bill  
30 which require changes to provider contracts to those contracts  
31 as they are renewed, but no later than July 1, 2002.