

By Representative Wiles

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Medicaid eligibility;
3 providing a short title; amending s. 409.904,
4 F.S.; providing Medicaid eligibility for
5 certain disabled persons under a Medicaid
6 buy-in program, subject to specific federal
7 authorization; directing the Agency for Health
8 Care Administration to seek a federal grant,
9 demonstration project, or waiver for
10 establishment of such buy-in program, subject
11 to a specific appropriation; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Florida
17 Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act of 2001."

18 Section 2. Subsection (9) is added to section 409.904,
19 Florida Statutes, to read:

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

28 (9) Subject to specific federal authorization, a
29 person who, but for earnings in excess of the limit
30 established under s. 1905(q)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act,
31 would be considered for receiving supplemental security

1 income, who is at least 16 but less than 65 years of age, and
2 whose assets, resources, and earned or unearned income, or
3 both, do not exceed 250 percent of the most current federal
4 poverty level. Such persons may be eligible for Medicaid
5 services as part of a Medicaid buy-in established under s.
6 409.914(2) specifically designed to accommodate those persons
7 made eligible for such a buy-in by Title II of Pub. L. No.
8 106-170. Such buy-in shall include income-related premiums and
9 cost sharing.

10 Section 3. Subject to a specific appropriation, the
11 Agency for Health Care Administration is directed to seek a
12 federal grant, demonstration project, or waiver, as may be
13 authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human
14 Services, for purposes of establishing a Medicaid buy-in
15 program or other programs to assist individuals with
16 disabilities in gaining employment. The services to be
17 provided are those required to enable such individuals to gain
18 or keep employment. The grant, demonstration project, or
19 waiver shall be submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human
20 Services at such time, in such manner, and containing such
21 information as the secretary shall require, as authorized
22 under Title II of Pub. L. No. 106-170, the "Ticket to Work and
23 Work Incentives Act of 1999."

24 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Subject to specific federal authorization, establishes a Medicaid buy-in program to assist certain eligible individuals with disabilities in gaining employment. Directs the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek a grant, demonstration project, or waiver under the federal "Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act of 1999," from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to establish such a program.