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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to displaced low-income
 3 workers; authorizing the Department of Children
 4 and Family Services to provide Medicaid
 5 eligibility by rule to certain unemployed
 6 persons; authorizing the state to provide a
 7 COBRA insurance premium subsidy to certain
 8 unemployed persons; providing for future
 9 repeal; providing contingent effective dates.

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

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 13 Section 1. (1) The Department of Children and Family
 14 Services may provide by rule that persons who become or became
 15 unemployed after September 11, 2001, who are not eligible for
 16 insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget
 17 Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) shall be eligible for
 18 Medicaid coverage.

19 (2) This section is repealed effective December 31,
 20 2002.

21 (3) This section shall take effect on the effective
 22 date of federal legislation authorizing the expansion of
 23 Medicaid coverage to persons who become or became unemployed
 24 after September 11, 2001, if such federal legislation provides
 25 for enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates.

26 Section 2. (1) For persons who become or became
 27 unemployed after September 11, 2001, who are eligible for
 28 insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget
 29 Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) but who are unable to
 30 afford the premium, the state may subsidize up to 25 percent
 31 of the premium.

