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HB 101-C

By Representatives Frankel, Weissman, Ryan, Sobel, Heyman, Siplin, Gannon, Joyner, Cusack, Machek, Peterman, Wilson, Romeo, Justice, Richardson, Ausley, Henriquez, Smith, Wiles, Greenstein, Seiler, Wishner, Bucher, Betancourt and Holloway A bill to be entitled 1 An act relating to displaced low-income 2 3 workers; authorizing the Department of Children and Family Services to provide Medicaid 4 eligibility by rule to certain unemployed 5 persons; authorizing the state to provide a 6 7 COBRA insurance premium subsidy to certain 8 unemployed persons; providing for future 9 repeal; providing contingent effective dates. 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. (1) The Department of Children and Family 13 14 Services may provide by rule that persons who become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, who are not eligible for 15 insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget 16 17 Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) shall be eligible for 18 Medicaid coverage. 19 (2) This section is repealed effective December 31, 20 2002. 21 (3) This section shall take effect on the effective 2.2 date of federal legislation authorizing the expansion of Medicaid coverage to persons who become or became unemployed 23 24 after September 11, 2001, if such federal legislation provides 25 for enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates. Section 2. (1) For persons who become or became 26 27 unemployed after September 11, 2001, who are eligible for 28 insurance coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) but who are unable to 29 afford the premium, the state may subsidize up to 25 percent 30 31 of the premium. 1

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(2) This section is repealed effective December 31, 2002. This section shall take effect on the effective (3) date of federal legislation authorizing a 75 percent premium subsidy for persons eligible for COBRA insurance coverage who become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, if such federal legislation provides for enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates. HOUSE SUMMARY Effective on the effective date of federal enabling legislation providing for enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates, authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services to provide Medicaid eligibility by rule to persons who become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, and are ineligible for COBRA insurance coverage. Effective on the effective date of federal legislation providing a 75 percent premium subsidy for persons eligible for COBRA coverage who become or became unemployed after September 11, 2001, and who are unable to afford the premium authorizes a state who are unable to afford the premium, authorizes a state subsidy of up to 25 percent of the premium, if enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates are provided. Provides for future repeal. 

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