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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to optional medical assistance and related services payments; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; providing for Medicaid eligibility for certain disabled persons under a Medicaid buy-in program, subject to specific federal authorization; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 409.904, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(11) Subject to specific federal authorization, a person who, but for earnings in excess of the limit established under s. 1905(q)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act, would be considered for receiving supplemental security income, who is at least 16 but less than 65 years of age, and whose assets, resources, and earned or unearned income, or both, do not exceed 250 percent of the most current federal poverty level. Such persons may be eligible for Medicaid services as part of a Medicaid buy-in established under s. 409.914(2) specifically designed to accommodate those persons made eligible for such a buy-in by



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30 Title II of Pub. L. No. 106-170. Such buy-in shall include
31 income-related premiums and cost sharing.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.