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The Committee on Health Care recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to optional medical assistance and related services payments; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; authorizing use of funds for Medicaid for certain persons; providing eligibility criteria; providing income and asset limitations; 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.



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29 (11) Funds may be used to provide Medicaid to persons at
30 least 16 but less than 65 years of age who would be considered
31 eligible for supplemental security income but for earnings in
32 excess of the limit established under s. 1905(q)(2)(B) of Pub.
33 L. No. 106-170, and whose income does not exceed the income
34 limit specified in subsection (1) or a lower income limit as
35 specified by administrative rule. Earned income of up to 250
36 percent of the federal poverty level, after application of the
37 supplemental security income earned income disregards, shall be
38 disregarded in determining eligibility. The asset limit shall be
39 \$8,000 for an individual and \$9,000 for a couple, excluding a
40 second vehicle, if there is a spouse living in the home, and all
41 funds placed in a retirement account recognized by the Internal
42 Revenue Service.

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