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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation;
 amending s. 621.94, F.S.; revising legislative intent to
 expand use of available appropriations of Florida Healthy
 Kids funds for the Kidcare Program under certain
 circumstances; providing an appropriation; specifying
 uses; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 624.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.91 The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Act.--

(2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Florida
 Healthy Kids Corporation serve as one of several providers of
 services to children eligible for medical assistance under Title
 XXI of the Social Security Act. Although the corporation may
 serve other children, the Legislature intends the primary
 recipients of services provided through the corporation be
 school-age children with a family income below 200 percent of
 the federal poverty level, who do not qualify for Medicaid. It
 is also the intent of the Legislature that state and local
 government Florida Healthy Kids funds be used to continue and
 expand coverage, from available ~~subject to specific~~
 appropriations in the General Appropriations Act, any
Supplemental Appropriations Act, and this act, to children not
 eligible for federal matching funds under Title XXI.

Section 2. The nonrecurring sum of \$31,000,000 is
appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Agency for

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31 Health Care Administration to provide comprehensive health
32 insurance coverage to children eligible under the Florida
33 Kidcare Program and pursuant to s. 624.91, Florida Statutes, as
34 amended by this act. Notwithstanding any language contained in
35 the General Appropriations Act, including, but not limited to,
36 Specific Appropriations 144 through 147, such funds shall be
37 used during fiscal year 2003-2004:

38 (1) To provide Kidcare benefits and coverage for eligible
39 children on the waiting list as of the effective date of this
40 act.

41 (2) For eligible children not presently on the waiting
42 list but that subsequently apply for Kidcare benefits.

43 (3) For outreach initiatives.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.