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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program;
3 creating s. 409.8141, F.S.; providing that an
4 uninsured parent, guardian, or relative
5 caretaker of a child enrolled in the Florida
6 Kidcare program is eligible for coverage under
7 the program, subject to certain limitations;
8 requiring separate premiums or cost-sharing
9 requirements for the parent, guardian, or
10 relative caretaker; providing that nonpayment
11 of premiums or cost-sharing requirements for an
12 adult is not grounds for disenrolling a child
13 in that family from the program; providing for
14 coverage of a parent, guardian, or relative
15 caretaker whose income is above a specified
16 level if the adult pays the full cost of the
17 premium, including administrative costs;
18 providing that the eligibility for coverage
19 provided by the act is not an entitlement;
20 authorizing the Agency for Health Care
21 Administration and the board of directors of
22 the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation to limit
23 enrollment under the act; exempting the adults
24 enrolled under the act from the enrollment
25 limitations of the Florida Kidcare program;
26 providing an effective date.

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

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30 Section 1. Section 409.8141, Florida Statutes, is
31 created to read:

1 409.8141 Eligibility for a parent, guardian, or
2 relative caretaker.--

3 (1) An uninsured parent, guardian, or relative
4 caretaker of a child enrolled in the Florida Kidcare program
5 is eligible for coverage under the Florida Kidcare program,
6 subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations
7 established in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

8 (2) Cost-sharing requirements or premiums charged for
9 coverage for a parent, guardian, or relative caretaker shall
10 be separate from and in addition to the cost-sharing
11 provisions imposed for child coverage. Nonpayment of the
12 premiums or cost-sharing requirements for a parent, guardian,
13 or relative caretaker may not be grounds for disenrollment of
14 a child in that family.

15 (3) A parent, guardian, or relative caretaker of a
16 child enrolled in the Florida Kidcare program whose income is
17 above 200 percent of the federal poverty level may participate
18 in the Florida Kidcare program; however, the adult is not
19 eligible for premium-assistance payments and must pay the full
20 cost of the premium, including any administrative costs.

21 (4) The eligibility created in this section is not an
22 entitlement. The agency and the board of directors of the
23 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation may place limits on
24 enrollment of parents, guardians, or relative caretakers in
25 order to avoid adverse selection or to comply with limitations
26 in the General Appropriations Act.

27 (5) A parent, guardian, or relative caretaker who
28 participates in the Florida Kidcare program as provided in
29 this section is not included in the annual limitations on
30 enrollment established for the Florida Kidcare program.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides for coverage under the Florida Kidcare program for the uninsured parent, guardian, or relative caretaker of a child enrolled in the program. Provides for limitations to be established in the General Appropriations Act or ch. 216, F.S. Requires that the adult pay a separate premium or cost-sharing payment. Prohibits disenrolling a child due to nonpayment of premiums for an adult. Authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration and the board of directors of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation to limit enrollment of parents, guardians, or relative caretakers. (See bill for details.)