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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Harrell offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 On page 2, lines 3-20,
5 remove: all of said lines

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7 and insert:

8 That the Legislature urges the members of the Florida
9 delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the
10 Congress reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance
11 Program (SCHIP) to continue to provide federal funding for the
12 Florida Kidcare program.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the
14 Governor to work with the Florida delegation to ensure that
15 SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the
17 Governor to provide the assistance necessary to identify and
18 enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or the Florida Kidcare
19 program.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature proclaims that
21 all components of state government should work together with
22 educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to
23 ensure that all available public and private assistance for
24 providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state be
25 used to the maximum extent possible.

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27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 On page 1, lines 8-31,
29 remove: all of said lines

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31 and insert:

32 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida regards
33 the health of children to be of paramount importance to families
34 in the state, and

35 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida regards
36 poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement and
37 social and psychological well-being of the children of the State
38 of Florida, and

39 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida considers
40 protecting the health of children to be essential to the well-
41 being of Florida's youngest citizens and the quality of life in
42 the state, and

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43 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida considers
44 the Florida Kidcare program, which was created in 1998 and
45 currently has 1,388,520 children enrolled in the program, to be
46 an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the
47 children of the State of Florida, and

48 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida recognizes
49 the value of the Florida Kidcare program in preserving child
50 wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving
51 health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs, and

52 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida considers
53 the federal funding available for the Florida Kidcare program to
54 be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of
55 modest means, NOW, THEREFORE,

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