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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Rivera offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 28-84 and insert:

5 (a) For purposes of meeting the federal cost neutrality
6 requirement of 7 C.F.R. part 246, shall compare the average cost
7 of each food item redeemed by above-50-percent vendors against
8 the average cost of the same food item redeemed by regular
9 vendors.

10 (b) May not discontinue a WIC-eligible generic product
11 unless the product no longer meets the nutritional guidelines of
12 the WIC program.

13 (c) Shall only expend funds provided by the Federal
14 Government for the administration of the program. In the event
15 the department exceeds the federal funding allocation, the
16 department may submit a budget amendment to the Executive Office

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17 of the Governor requesting additional trust fund authority to
18 implement the program pursuant to s. 216.181(11).

19 Section 2. Section 409.942, Florida Statutes, is amended
20 to read:

21 409.942 Electronic benefit transfer program.--

22 (1) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
23 establish an electronic benefit transfer program for the
24 dissemination of food stamp benefits and temporary assistance
25 payments, including refugee cash assistance payments, asylum
26 applicant payments, and child support disregard payments. If the
27 Federal Government does not enact legislation or regulations
28 providing for dissemination of supplemental security income by
29 electronic benefit transfer, the state may include supplemental
30 security income in the electronic benefit transfer program.

31 ~~(a)(2)~~ The department shall, in accordance with applicable
32 federal laws and regulations, develop minimum program
33 requirements and other policy initiatives for the electronic
34 benefit transfer program.

35 ~~(b)(3)~~ The department shall enter into public-private
36 contracts for all provisions of electronic transfer of public
37 assistance benefits.

38 ~~(2)(4)~~ Workforce Florida, Inc., through the Agency for
39 Workforce Innovation, shall establish an electronic benefit
40 transfer program for the use and management of education,
41 training, child care, transportation, and other program benefits
42 under its direction. The workforce electronic benefit transfer
43 program shall fulfill all federal and state requirements for
44 Individual Training Accounts, Retention Incentive Training

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45 Accounts, Individual Development Accounts, and Individual
46 Services Accounts. The workforce electronic benefit transfer
47 program shall be designed to enable an individual who receives
48 an electronic benefit transfer card under subsection (1) to use
49 that card for purposes of benefits provided under the workforce
50 development system as well. The Department of Children and
51 Family Services shall assist Workforce Florida, Inc., in
52 developing an electronic benefit transfer program for the
53 workforce development system that is fully compatible with the
54 department's electronic benefit transfer program. The agency
55 shall reimburse the department for all costs incurred in
56 providing such assistance and shall pay all costs for the
57 development of the workforce electronic benefit transfer
58 program.

59 (3) By January 1, 2009, the Department of Health shall
60 submit a plan for approval by the United States Department of
61 Agriculture, Bureau of Food and Nutrition Service, for the
62 implementation of a statewide electronic benefits transfer
63 program for the dissemination of benefits under the Special
64 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
65 (WIC), authorized by the Child Nutrition Act. The plan shall be
66 developed in consultation with authorized WIC vendors, including
67 above-50-percent vendors. By July 1, 2010, the Department of
68 Health shall

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Remove lines 8-13 and insert:

requirements; prohibiting the department from discontinuing
certain generic products under certain circumstances;
restricting the funding of the program to federal funds;
providing for submission of budget amendments by the department;
amending s. 409.942, F.S.; requiring the department to submit a
plan to establish an electronic benefit transfer program to
distribute WIC benefits to the United States Department of
Agriculture; requiring the