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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Kidcare outreach program for  
3 uninsured children; requiring the Office of Program Policy  
4 Analysis and Government Accountability to perform a study  
5 of the outreach efforts of the Kidcare program; providing  
6 requirements for the study; requiring a report to the  
7 Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective  
8 date.

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

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12 Section 1. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
13 Government Accountability shall perform a study of the  
14 effectiveness of the Kidcare outreach program for uninsured  
15 children. As part of determining the effectiveness of the  
16 program, OPPAGA shall examine the current practices of the Social  
17 Services Estimating Conference, the Department of Health, the  
18 Children's Medical Services, the Agency for Health Care  
19 Administration, the Department of Children and Family Services,  
20 the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, and the Department of  
21 Education as they relate to determining expenditures,  
22 coordinating with other related health programs at the state and  
23 local levels to avoid duplication of effort and promote  
24 consistency, providing services to children participating in the  
25 Florida Kidcare program, making program information available to  
26 all Florida parents of eligible children, offering the services  
27 of the program to the target population, determining eligibility,  
28 providing medical assistance, and increasing enrollment in the  
29 Kidcare program. In addition to determining the effectiveness of

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30 the Kidcare outreach program, the report shall focus on local  
31 outreach in counties where the program enrollment is atypically  
32 low. The report shall examine how counties having higher  
33 enrollment levels reach the intended population. If the report  
34 finds deficiencies in the outreach process, the report shall  
35 provide options for correcting those deficiencies and shall  
36 include the projected cost of implementing those options. In  
37 conducting the study, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
38 Government Accountability shall consult with the Department of  
39 Health and the Department of Children and Family Services in  
40 addition to other interested entities that may offer experiences  
41 and perspectives unique to this area of research. The report  
42 shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
43 of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2009.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.