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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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1 The Committee on Governmental Operations (Lawson) recommended the  
2 following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause  
6 and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 409.942, Florida Statutes, is amended  
8 to read:

9 409.942 Electronic benefit transfer program.--

10 (1) The Department of Children and Family Services shall  
11 establish an electronic benefit transfer program for the  
12 dissemination of food stamp benefits and temporary assistance  
13 payments, including refugee cash assistance payments, asylum  
14 applicant payments, and child support disregard payments. If  
15 the Federal Government does not enact legislation or  
16 regulations providing for dissemination of supplemental  
17 security income by electronic benefit transfer, the state may



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18 include supplemental security income in the electronic benefit  
19 transfer program.

20 (a)~~(2)~~ The department shall, in accordance with  
21 applicable federal laws and regulations, develop minimum  
22 program requirements and other policy initiatives for the  
23 electronic benefit transfer program.

24 (b)~~(3)~~ The department shall enter into public-private  
25 contracts for all provisions of electronic transfer of public  
26 assistance benefits.

27 (2)~~(4)~~ Workforce Florida, Inc., through the Agency for  
28 Workforce Innovation, shall establish an electronic benefit  
29 transfer program for the use and management of education,  
30 training, child care, transportation, and other program  
31 benefits under its direction. The workforce electronic benefit  
32 transfer program shall fulfill all federal and state  
33 requirements for Individual Training Accounts, Retention  
34 Incentive Training Accounts, Individual Development Accounts,  
35 and Individual Services Accounts. The workforce electronic  
36 benefit transfer program shall be designed to enable an  
37 individual who receives an electronic benefit transfer card  
38 under subsection (1) to use that card for purposes of benefits  
39 provided under the workforce development system as well. The  
40 Department of Children and Family Services shall assist  
41 Workforce Florida, Inc., in developing an electronic benefit  
42 transfer program for the workforce development system that is  
43 fully compatible with the department's electronic benefit  
44 transfer program. The agency shall reimburse the department for  
45 all costs incurred in providing such assistance and shall pay  
46 all costs for the development of the workforce electronic  
47 benefit transfer program.



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48       (3) By July 1, 2010, the Department of Health shall  
49 establish a statewide electronic benefit transfer program for the  
50 dissemination of benefits under the "Special Supplemental  
51 Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children," or WIC,  
52 authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended.

53       (a) The WIC electronic benefit transfer program shall be  
54 designed to enable an individual who receives an electronic  
55 benefit transfer card under subsections (1) or (2) to use that  
56 card for purposes of benefits provided under the WIC program.

57       (b) The Department of Children and Family Services shall  
58 assist the Department of Health in developing an electronic  
59 benefit transfer program for the WIC program system which is  
60 fully compatible with the electronic benefit transfer programs  
61 operated by the Department of Children and Family Services and  
62 Workforce Florida, Inc. The Department of Health shall reimburse  
63 the Department of Children and Family Services for all costs  
64 incurred in providing such assistance and shall pay all costs of  
65 the development of the WIC electronic benefit transfer program.

66       Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 383.011,  
67 Florida Statutes, to read:

68       383.011 Administration of maternal and child health  
69 programs.--

70       (3) In administering the WIC program, the Department of  
71 Health:

72       (a) For purposes of meeting the federal cost neutrality  
73 requirement of Title 7, part 246 of the Code of Federal  
74 Regulations, shall compare the average cost of each food item  
75 redeemed by above-50-percent vendors against the average cost of  
76 the same food item redeemed by regular vendors. The department  
77 shall collect individual food item redemption costs by requiring



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78 authorized vendors to record the price of each redeemed item on  
79 the WIC voucher.

80 (b) Shall not discontinue a WIC-eligible generic product  
81 unless the product no longer meets the nutritional guidelines of  
82 the WIC program.

83 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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

86 And the title is amended as follows:

87 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
88 and insert:

89 A bill to be entitled  
90 An act relating to maternal and child health programs;  
91 amending s. 409.942, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
92 Health to establish an electronic benefits transfer  
93 system for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for  
94 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); requiring the  
95 Department of Children and Family Services to assist the  
96 Department of Health in developing the electronic  
97 benefits transfer program; requiring the Department of  
98 Health to reimburse the Department of Children and Family  
99 Services for costs incurred; amending s. 383.011, F.S.;  
100 requiring the Department of Health to compare the average  
101 cost of certain food items and collect individual food  
102 item redemption costs; prohibiting the Department of  
103 Health from discontinuing a WIC-eligible generic product;  
104 providing an exception; providing an effective date.