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1 Senator Garcia moved the following amendment:

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3 Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

4 Delete everything after the enacting clause
5 and insert:

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7 Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 383.011,
8 Florida Statutes, to read:

9 383.011 Administration of maternal and child health
10 programs.--

11 (3) In administering the WIC program, the Department of
12 Health:

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

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18 (b) May not discontinue a WIC-eligible generic product
19 unless the product no longer meets the nutritional guidelines of
20 the WIC program.

21 (c) Shall only expend funds provided by the Federal
22 Government for the administration of the program. In the event
23 the department exceeds the federal funding allocation, the
24 department may submit a budget amendment to the Executive Office
25 of the Governor requesting additional state trust fund authority
26 to implement the program pursuant to s. 216.181(11).

27 Section 2. Section 409.942, Florida Statutes, is amended to
28 read:

29 409.942 Electronic benefit transfer program.--

30 (1) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
31 establish an electronic benefit transfer program for the
32 dissemination of food stamp benefits and temporary assistance
33 payments, including refugee cash assistance payments, asylum
34 applicant payments, and child support disregard payments. If the
35 Federal Government does not enact legislation or regulations
36 providing for dissemination of supplemental security income by
37 electronic benefit transfer, the state may include supplemental
38 security income in the electronic benefit transfer program.

39 (a) (2) The department shall, in accordance with applicable
40 federal laws and regulations, develop minimum program
41 requirements and other policy initiatives for the electronic
42 benefit transfer program.

43 (b) (3) The department shall enter into public-private
44 contracts for all provisions of electronic transfer of public
45 assistance benefits.

46 (2) (4) Workforce Florida, Inc., through the Agency for
47 Workforce Innovation, shall establish an electronic benefit

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48 transfer program for the use and management of education,
49 training, child care, transportation, and other program benefits
50 under its direction. The workforce electronic benefit transfer
51 program shall fulfill all federal and state requirements for
52 Individual Training Accounts, Retention Incentive Training
53 Accounts, Individual Development Accounts, and Individual
54 Services Accounts. The workforce electronic benefit transfer
55 program shall be designed to enable an individual who receives an
56 electronic benefit transfer card under subsection (1) to use that
57 card for purposes of benefits provided under the workforce
58 development system as well. The Department of Children and Family
59 Services shall assist Workforce Florida, Inc., in developing an
60 electronic benefit transfer program for the workforce development
61 system that is fully compatible with the department's electronic
62 benefit transfer program. The agency shall reimburse the
63 department for all costs incurred in providing such assistance
64 and shall pay all costs for the development of the workforce
65 electronic benefit transfer program.

66 (3) By January 1, 2009, the Department of Health shall
67 submit a plan for approval by the United States Department of
68 Agriculture, Bureau of Food and Nutrition Service, for the
69 implementation of a statewide electronic benefits transfer
70 program for the dissemination of benefits under the Special
71 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
72 (WIC), authorized by the Child Nutrition Act. The plan shall be
73 developed in consultation with authorized WIC vendors, including
74 above-50-percent vendors. By July 1, 2010, the Department of
75 Health shall establish a statewide electronic benefit transfer
76 program for the distribution of benefits under the "Special
77 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children,"



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78 or WIC, authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as
79 amended.

80 (a) The WIC electronic benefit transfer program shall be
81 designed to enable an individual who receives an electronic
82 benefit transfer card under subsection (1) or subsection (2) to
83 use that card for purposes of benefits provided under the WIC
84 program.

85 (b) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
86 assist the Department of Health in developing an electronic
87 benefit transfer program for the WIC program that is fully
88 compatible with the electronic benefit transfer programs operated
89 by the Department of Children and Family Services and Workforce
90 Florida, Inc. The Department of Health shall reimburse the
91 Department of Children and Family Services for all costs incurred
92 in providing such assistance and shall pay all costs for the
93 development of the WIC electronic benefit transfer program.

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

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

97 And the title is amended as follows:

98 Delete everything before the enacting clause
99 and insert:

100 A bill to be entitled

101 An act relating to maternal and child health programs;
102 amending s. 383.011, F.S.; requiring the Department of
103 Health, in administering the Special Supplemental
104 Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC),
105 to compare the costs of food items redeemed by certain
106 vendors for purposes of meeting certain federal
107 requirements; prohibiting the department from

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108 | discontinuing certain generic products under certain
109 | circumstances; restricting the funding of the program to
110 | federal funds; providing for submission of budget
111 | amendments by the department; amending s. 409.942, F.S.;
112 | requiring the department to submit a plan to establish an
113 | electronic benefit transfer program to distribute WIC
114 | benefits to the United States Department of Agriculture;
115 | requiring the department to establish an electronic
116 | benefit transfer program to distribute WIC benefits;
117 | requiring the department to collaborate with the
118 | Department of Children and Family Services in developing
119 | the program and pay all costs associated therewith;
120 | providing an effective date.