

By Senator Wilson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Kidcare; requiring the Office
3 of Program Policy Analysis and Government
4 Accountability to perform a study of the outreach
5 efforts of the Kidcare program; providing requirements
6 for the study; requiring a report to the Legislature
7 by a specified date; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
12 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall perform a study of the
13 effectiveness of the Kidcare outreach program for uninsured
14 children. As part of determining the effectiveness of the
15 program, OPPAGA shall examine the current practices of the
16 Social Services Estimating Conference, the Department of Health,
17 Children's Medical Services, the Agency for Health Care
18 Administration, the Department of Children and Family Services,
19 the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, and the Department of
20 Education as they relate to determining expenditures,
21 coordinating with other related health programs at the state and
22 local levels to avoid duplication of effort and promote
23 consistency, providing services to children participating in the
24 Florida Kidcare program, making program information available to
25 all Florida parents of eligible children, offering the services
26 of the program to the target population, determining
27 eligibility, providing medical assistance, and increasing
28 enrollment in the Kidcare program. In addition, the report shall
29 focus on local outreach in counties where the program enrollment

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30 is atypically low. The report shall examine how counties having
31 higher enrollment levels reach the intended population. If the
32 report finds deficiencies in the outreach process, the report
33 shall provide options for correcting those deficiencies and
34 include the projected cost of implementing those options. In
35 conducting the study, OPPAGA shall consult with the Department
36 of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services as
37 well as other interested entities that may offer experiences and
38 perspectives relevant to this area of research. The report shall
39 be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
40 the House of Representatives by January 1, 2010.

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