

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senator Crist

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Medicaid Buy-in Program for
3 Persons with Disabilities; requiring the Secretary of
4 Health Care Administration, the Secretary of Children
5 and Family Services, the Executive Director of the
6 Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the Director
7 of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to
8 convene a work group to plan for a Medicaid Buy-in
9 Program for Persons with Disabilities; requiring a
10 report to the Legislature; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, the
16 Secretary of Children and Family Services, the Executive
17 Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the
18 Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation shall
19 jointly convene a work group to plan for a Medicaid Buy-in
20 Program for Persons with Disabilities. The work group shall
21 consist of staff from each agency who have appropriate expertise
22 in the needs of the disabled and the provision of services
23 thereto. The work group shall prepare a report to the
24 Legislature which shall be due by December 1, 2009. The report
25 shall include an assessment of the most efficient and cost-
26 effective means of implementing and administering a Medicaid
27 Buy-in Program for Persons with Disabilities and include, at a
28 minimum, the following information:

29 (1) Data on the number and characteristics of disabled

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30 persons to whom the buy-in program could be offered;

31 (2) A description of the services to be offered under the
32 program;

33 (3) Proposed premiums to be charged and the basis therefor;

34 (4) Costs to the state Medicaid program of extending
35 coverage through a Medicaid buy-in program, including costs of
36 administration of the buy-in program;

37 (5) A recommendation on how and by which entity the
38 Medicaid buy-in program should be administered; and

39 (6) Legislation for consideration during the 2010 Regular
40 Session of the Legislature to implement the recommendations of
41 the report.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.