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

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

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