1   A bill to be entitled
2   An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program;
3   amending s. 409.814, F.S.; providing presumptive
4   eligibility for the Florida Kidcare program for
5   children younger than a specified age; providing an
6   effective date.
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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10   Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 409.814, Florida
11   Statutes, is amended to read:
12   409.814 Eligibility.—A child who has not reached 19 years
13   of age whose family income is equal to or below 200 percent of
14   the federal poverty level is eligible for the Florida Kidcare
15   program as provided in this section. If an enrolled individual
16   is determined to be ineligible for coverage, he or she must be
17   immediately disenrolled from the respective Florida Kidcare
18   program component.
19   (8) A child younger than 19 years of age who applies for
20   eligibility in any component of the Florida Kidcare program,
21   including the Medicaid program, through a qualified entity, as
22   defined by 42 C.F.R. s. 435.1101, must be offered the
23   opportunity, subject to federal rules and regulations, to be
24   made presumptively eligible for the Florida Kidcare program.
25   When determining or reviewing a child's eligibility under the
26   Florida Kidcare program, the applicant shall be provided with

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27 reasonable notice of changes in eligibility which may affect
28 enrollment in one or more of the program components. If a
29 transition from one program component to another is authorized,
30 there shall be cooperation between the program components and
31 the affected family which promotes continuity of health care
32 coverage. Any authorized transfers must be managed within the
33 program's overall appropriated or authorized levels of funding.
34 Each component of the program shall establish a reserve to
35 ensure that transfers between components will be accomplished
36 within current year appropriations. These reserves shall be
37 reviewed by each convening of the Social Services Estimating
38 Conference to determine the adequacy of such reserves to meet
39 actual experience.
40   Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.