

HB 947

2016

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to a long-acting reversible  
3           contraception pilot program; creating s. 381.00515,  
4           F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to establish  
5           a long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) pilot  
6           program in Hillsborough, Palm Beach, and Pinellas  
7           Counties; requiring the department to contract with  
8           family planning providers to implement the pilot  
9           program; requiring that such contracts include  
10          specified provisions; requiring the department to  
11          apply for grants for additional funding; requiring the  
12          department to submit a report to the Governor and the  
13          Legislature; requiring the department to publish the  
14          report on its website; specifying requirements for  
15          such report; providing an appropriation subject to  
16          certain requirements; providing a statement of  
17          necessity; providing an effective date.

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19          WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that unintended pregnancies,  
20          especially among young women, carry health risks for mother and  
21          baby, and

22          WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that programs that  
23          provide long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) methods,  
24          along with other contraceptive methods, contribute to declines  
25          in the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions, NOW,  
26          THEREFORE,

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

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30 Section 1. Section 381.00515, Florida Statutes, is created  
31 to read:

32 381.00515 Long-acting reversible contraception pilot  
33 program.-

34 (1) The Department of Health shall establish a long-acting  
35 reversible contraception (LARC) pilot program in Hillsborough,  
36 Palm Beach, and Pinellas Counties. The purpose of the pilot  
37 program is to improve the provision of LARC services in those  
38 counties. The department shall contract with eligible family  
39 planning providers to implement the pilot program. A contract to  
40 provide LARC services must include all of the following:

41 (a) Provision of intrauterine devices and implants to  
42 participants.

43 (b) Training for providers and staff regarding the  
44 provision of LARC devices, counseling strategies, and the  
45 management of side effects.

46 (c) Technical assistance regarding issues such as coding,  
47 billing, pharmacy rules, and clinic management necessitated by  
48 the increased use of LARC devices.

49 (d) General support to expand the capacity of family  
50 planning clinics.

51 (e) Marketing and outreach regarding the availability of  
52 LARC services among other currently available contraceptive

53 services.

54 (f) Other services the department considers necessary to  
55 ensure the health and safety of participants who receive LARC  
56 devices.

57 (2) The department shall seek grants from federal agencies  
58 and other sources to supplement state funds provided for the  
59 pilot program.

60 (3) By January 1, 2018, the department shall submit a  
61 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
62 Speaker of the House of Representatives on the effectiveness of  
63 the pilot program. The department shall publish the report on  
64 its website. The report must include, but is not limited to:

65 (a) An assessment of the operation of the pilot program,  
66 including any progress made in reducing the number of unintended  
67 pregnancies and subsequent births, especially among teenagers.

68 (b) An assessment of the effectiveness of the pilot  
69 program in increasing the availability of LARC services.

70 (c) The number and location of family planning providers  
71 that participated in the pilot program.

72 (d) The number of clients served by participating family  
73 planning providers.

74 (e) The number of times LARC services were provided by  
75 participating family planning providers.

76 (f) The average cost per client served.

77 (g) The demographic characteristics of clients served.

78 (h) The sources and amounts of funding used for the pilot

79 program.

80 (i) A description of federal grants the department applied  
81 for in order to provide LARC services, including the outcomes of  
82 the grant applications.

83 (j) An analysis of the return on investment for the  
84 provision of LARC services with regard to tax dollars saved on  
85 health and social services.

86 (k) A description and analysis of marketing and outreach  
87 activities conducted to promote the availability of LARC  
88 services.

89 (l) Recommendations for improving the pilot program.

90 Section 2. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of  
91 \$75,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
92 Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the purpose of  
93 implementing this act. The department shall distribute the funds  
94 equally among the three counties participating in the pilot  
95 program. These funds do not supplant or reduce any other  
96 appropriation of state funds to family planning providers or to  
97 the department for family planning services.

98 Section 3. The Legislature finds that this act is  
99 necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

100 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.