

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to refugee assistance programs;
 3 requiring the state's withdrawal from the federal
 4 refugee program and providing notice requirements
 5 relating thereto; amending s. 402.82, F.S.; removing
 6 language relating to the refugee assistance program;
 7 repealing s. 402.86, F.S., relating to rulemaking
 8 authority for the refugee assistance program;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. The state coordinator, as defined in 45 C.F.R.
 14 s. 400.2, shall provide notice by June 30, 2017, to the director
 15 of the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the state's intent to
 16 withdraw from the federal refugee resettlement program pursuant
 17 to 45 C.F.R. s. 400.301. The state shall cease participation in
 18 the federal refugee program by December 31, 2017.

19 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 402.82, Florida
 20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 402.82 Electronic benefits transfer program.—

22 (1) The Department of Children and Families shall
 23 establish an electronic benefits transfer program for the
 24 dissemination of food assistance benefits and temporary cash
 25 assistance payments, including ~~refugee cash assistance payments,~~

26 | asylum applicant payments~~7~~ and child support disregard payments.
27 | If the Federal Government does not enact legislation or
28 | regulations providing for dissemination of supplemental security
29 | income by electronic benefits transfer, the state may include
30 | supplemental security income in the electronic benefits transfer
31 | program.

32 | Section 3. Section 402.86, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

33 | Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.