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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to a long-acting reversible  
3       contraception pilot program; providing legislative  
4       findings; creating s. 381.00515, F.S.; requiring the  
5       Department of Health to establish a long-acting  
6       reversible contraception (LARC) pilot program in  
7       Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties;  
8       providing the purpose of the pilot program; requiring  
9       the department to contract with family planning  
10      providers to implement the pilot program; requiring  
11      such contracts to include specified provisions;  
12      requiring the department to apply for grants for  
13      additional funding; requiring the department to submit  
14      a report to the Governor and the Legislature;  
15      requiring the department to publish the report on its  
16      website; specifying requirements for the report;  
17      providing an appropriation; requiring the department  
18      to distribute appropriated funds equally among the  
19      participating counties; providing an effective date.

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

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

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28       Section 1. The Legislature finds that this act is necessary  
29      to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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30 Section 2. 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 Broward, Miami-  
36 Dade, and Palm Beach Counties. The purpose of the pilot program  
37 is to improve the provision of LARC services to women residing  
38 in the pilot program counties who are 18 years of age or older.  
39 The department shall contract for LARC services with eligible  
40 family planning providers in each of the three counties. Each  
41 contract must include all of the following:

42 (a) The provision of intrauterine devices and implants to  
43 participants.

44 (b) The training of provider staff regarding the provision  
45 of LARC devices and implants, counseling strategies, and the  
46 management of side effects.

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

50 (d) General support to providers to expand their service  
51 capacity.

52 (e) Marketing and community outreach regarding the  
53 availability of LARC services and other currently available  
54 contraceptive services.

55 (f) Other services that the department considers necessary  
56 to ensure the health and safety of women who receive LARC  
57 devices or implants.

58 (2) The department shall seek grants from federal agencies

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59 and other sources to supplement state funds provided for the  
60 pilot program.

61 (3) By January 1, 2020, the department shall submit a  
62 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
63 Speaker of the House of Representatives on the effectiveness of  
64 the pilot program. The department shall publish the report on  
65 its website. The report must include, but need not be limited  
66 to:

67 (a) An assessment of the operation of the pilot program,  
68 including any progress made in reducing the number of unintended  
69 pregnancies and subsequent births.

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

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

74 (d) The number of clients served by participating family  
75 planning providers.

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

78 (f) The average cost per client served.

79 (g) The demographic characteristics of clients served.

80 (h) The sources and amounts of funding used for the  
81 program.

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

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

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

91       (l) Recommendations for improving the pilot program.

92       Section 3. For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the sum of  
93 \$75,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
94 Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the purpose of  
95 implementing this act. The department shall distribute the funds  
96 equally among the three counties participating in the pilot  
97 program. These funds may not be used to supplant or reduce any  
98 other appropriation of state funds to family planning providers  
99 or to the department for family planning services.

100       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.