

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program;
3 establishing the Kidcare Operational Efficiency and
4 Health Care Improvement Workgroup as a task force
5 administratively housed in the Department of Health to
6 maximize the return on investment and enhance the
7 operational efficiencies of the Florida Kidcare
8 program; providing for duties and membership of the
9 workgroup; requiring a report to the Governor and
10 Legislature by a specified date; providing for
11 expiration of the workgroup; providing an effective
12 date.

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

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16 Section 1. Kidcare Operational Efficiency and Health Care
17 Improvement Workgroup.—The Kidcare Operational Efficiency and
18 Health Care Improvement Workgroup, a task force as defined in s.
19 20.03, Florida Statutes, is established to maximize the return
20 on investment and streamline and enhance the operational
21 efficiencies of the Florida Kidcare program to provide improved
22 health care services to children. The workgroup shall be
23 administratively housed in the Department of Health. Members of
24 the workgroup shall serve on a voluntary basis.

25 (1) The workgroup shall be convened and staffed by the

26 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation and shall consist of the
27 following members:

28 (a) The President of the Florida Chapter of the American
29 Academy of Pediatrics or his or her designee.

30 (b) The State Health Officer or his or her designee.

31 (c) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or
32 her designee, who must have a background in children's health
33 policy.

34 (d) The assistant secretary for child welfare of the
35 Department of Children and Families or his or her designee.

36 (e) A representative of directors of the Florida Healthy
37 Kids Corporation.

38 (f) A representative of the Florida Association of
39 Children's Hospitals, Inc.

40 (g) A representative of the Florida Covering Kids and
41 Families Coalition.

42 (h) A representative of the Florida Association of Health
43 Plans.

44 (i) A representative of the Florida Children's Council
45 with a background in children's health policy.

46 (j) A representative of the Florida Dental Association.

47 (k) The Director of Children's Medical Services or his or
48 her designee.

49 (l) A parent of a child enrolled in the Florida Kidcare
50 program.

51 (2) The workgroup shall:

52 (a) Examine successful and innovative models to provide
53 improved value and health care outcomes.

54 (b) Develop recommendations to streamline and unify the
55 program to provide greater operational efficiencies, including
56 recommendations for a single benefits package, a single set of
57 performance measures, and a single third-party administrator.

58 (c) Provide any necessary transition plans.

59 (d) Provide recommendations regarding federal waivers for
60 children's health care to the Agency for Health Care
61 Administration, which shall obtain specific legislative
62 authorization before seeking, applying for, accepting, or
63 renewing any federal waiver.

64 (3) The workgroup shall submit a report on its findings
65 and recommendations for streamlining the Florida Kidcare program
66 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
67 the House of Representatives by December 31, 2018.

68 (4) This section expires December 31, 2018.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.