

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 and may not be
 25 compensated.

26 (1) The workgroup shall be convened and staffed by the
27 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation and shall consist of the
28 following members:

29 (a) A representative of the Department of Health Policy
30 and Management in the College of Public Health at the University
31 of South Florida who shall serve as chair.

32 (b) The President of the Florida Chapter of the American
33 Academy of Pediatrics or his or her designee.

34 (c) The State Health Officer or his or her designee.

35 (d) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or
36 her designee, who must have a background in children's health
37 policy.

38 (e) The assistant secretary for child welfare of the
39 Department of Children and Families or his or her designee.

40 (f) A representative of directors of the Florida Healthy
41 Kids Corporation.

42 (g) A representative of the Florida Association of
43 Children's Hospitals, Inc.

44 (h) A representative of the Florida Covering Kids and
45 Families Coalition.

46 (i) A representative of the Florida Association of Health
47 Plans.

48 (j) A representative of the Florida Children's Council
49 with a background in children's health policy.

50 (k) A representative of the Florida Dental Association.

51 (1) The Director of Children's Medical Services or his or
52 her designee.

53 (m) A parent of a child enrolled in the Florida Kidcare
54 program.

55 (2) The workgroup shall:

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

58 (b) Develop recommendations to streamline and unify the
59 program to provide greater operational efficiencies, including
60 recommendations for a single benefits package, a single set of
61 performance measures, and a single third-party administrator.

62 (c) Provide any necessary transition plans.

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

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

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

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