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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida Veterans

An act relating to the Florida Veterans Care program; creating s. 292.17, F.S.; creating the program within the Agency for Health Care Administration; specifying the purpose of the program; authorizing the agency, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to negotiate with federal agencies in order to seek federal funding for the program; providing that eligible participants may enroll in the program to receive certain benefits; prohibiting the use of state funds to support the program; providing that the act does not affect a person's eligibility for the state Medicaid program; prohibiting the agency and the department from implementing the program without legislative approval; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 292.17, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

292.17 Florida Veterans Care program created; purpose and authorization.—The Florida Veterans Care program is created within the Agency for Health Care Administration. The purpose of the program is to leverage the structure and operations of the Medicaid managed care program established under part IV of

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chapter 409 to provide Florida veterans and their families with access to a quality alternative to the federal veterans' health care system. The agency, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, is authorized to negotiate with applicable federal agencies and to seek approval for a waiver, a state plan amendment, or other federal authorization for federal funding for the Florida Veterans Care program. Participants deemed eligible by the federal Veterans Health Administration or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs may voluntarily enroll in the Florida Veterans Care program to receive all necessary managed medical and long-term care services that meet or exceed the authorized benefits provided under ss. 409.973 and 409.98, respectively, including home and community-based services, from plans selected through the competitive bid process described under part IV of chapter 409. State funds may not be used to provide medical or long-term care services under the program or to administer the program. This section does not affect a person's eligibility for services under the state Medicaid program. Notwithstanding s. 292.05(7), the agency and the department may not implement this section without prior legislative approval. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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