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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations  
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a long-acting reversible  
contraception pilot program; creating s. 381.00515,  
F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to establish  
a long-acting reversible contraception pilot program  
in Duval, Hillsborough, and Palm Beach Counties;  
providing the purpose of the pilot program; requiring  
the department to contract with family planning  
providers to implement the pilot program; requiring  
such contracts to include specified provisions;  
requiring the department to apply for grants for  
additional funding; requiring the department to submit  
a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
specified date; requiring the department to publish  
the report on its website; specifying requirements for  
the report; establishing that implementation of the  
pilot program is subject to an appropriation;  
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 381.00515, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

381.00515 Long-acting reversible contraception pilot  
program.—

(1) The Department of Health shall establish a long-acting  
reversible contraception (LARC) pilot program in Duval,



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28 Hillsborough, and Palm Beach Counties. The purpose of the pilot  
29 program is to improve the provision of LARC services to women  
30 residing in the pilot program counties. The department shall  
31 contract for LARC services with eligible family planning  
32 providers to implement the pilot program in each of the three  
33 counties. Each contract must provide for all of the following:

34 (a) The provision of LARC services, including the  
35 administration of implants, injections, and intrauterine devices  
36 to participants.

37 (b) The training of provider staff regarding the provision  
38 of LARC services, counseling strategies, and the management of  
39 side effects.

40 (c) Technical assistance to providers regarding issues such  
41 as coding, billing, pharmacy rules, and clinic management  
42 necessitated by the increased use of LARC services.

43 (d) General support to providers to expand their service  
44 capacity.

45 (e) Marketing and community outreach regarding the  
46 availability of LARC services and other currently available  
47 contraceptive services.

48 (f) Other services that the department considers necessary  
49 to ensure the health and safety of women who receive LARC  
50 services.

51 (2) The department shall apply for grants from federal  
52 agencies and other sources to supplement state funds provided  
53 for the pilot program.

54 (3) By January 1, 2021, the department shall submit a  
55 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
56 Speaker of the House of Representatives on the effectiveness of



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57 the pilot program. The department shall publish the report on  
58 its website. The report must include, but need not be limited  
59 to:

60 (a) An assessment of the operation of the pilot program,  
61 including any progress made in reducing the number of unintended  
62 pregnancies and subsequent births, especially among teenagers.

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

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

67 (d) The number of clients served by participating family  
68 planning providers.

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

71 (f) The average cost per client served.

72 (g) The demographic characteristics of clients served.

73 (h) The sources and amounts of funding used for the pilot  
74 program.

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

78 (j) An analysis of the return on investment associated with  
79 the provision of LARC services with regard to tax dollars saved  
80 on health and social services.

81 (k) A description and analysis of marketing and outreach  
82 activities conducted to promote the availability of LARC  
83 services.

84 (l) Recommendations for improving the pilot program.

85 (4) Implementation of the pilot program is subject to a



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86 legislative appropriation.

87 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.