

By Senator Berman

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

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

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

25 381.00515 Long-acting reversible contraception pilot
26 program.-

27 (1) The Department of Health shall establish a long-acting
28 reversible contraception (LARC) pilot program in Duval,
29 Hillsborough, and Palm Beach Counties. The purpose of the pilot

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30 program is to improve the provision of LARC services to women
31 residing in the pilot program counties. The department shall
32 contract for LARC services with eligible family planning
33 providers to implement the pilot program in each of the three
34 counties. Each contract must provide for all of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 (3) By January 1, 2021, the department shall submit a
56 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
57 Speaker of the House of Representatives on the effectiveness of
58 the pilot program. The department shall publish the report on

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59 its website. The report must include, but need not be limited
60 to:

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

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

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

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

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

72 (f) The average cost per client served.

73 (g) The demographic characteristics of clients served.

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

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

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

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

85 (l) Recommendations for improving the pilot program.

86 Section 2. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the sum of
87 \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General

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88 Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the purpose of
89 implementing this act. The department shall distribute the funds
90 equally among the three counties participating in the pilot
91 program. These funds may not be used to supplant or reduce any
92 other appropriation of state funds to family planning providers
93 or to the department for family planning services.

94 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.