

By Senator Bean

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Hormonal Long-acting Reversible  
3       Contraception Program; creating s. 381.00515, F.S.;  
4       establishing the Hormonal Long-acting Reversible  
5       Contraception (HLARC) Program within the Department of  
6       Health for specified purposes; defining terms;  
7       requiring the department to contract with family  
8       planning providers to implement the program and  
9       provide HLARC services throughout the state; providing  
10      requirements for such contracts; providing for an  
11      annual appropriation; providing that such  
12      appropriations do not supplant or reduce certain other  
13      appropriations; requiring the department to apply for  
14      grants for additional funding; requiring the  
15      department to submit an annual report to the Governor  
16      and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the  
17      department to publish the report on its website;  
18      providing requirements for such reports; authorizing  
19      the department to adopt rules; providing a legislative  
20      finding; providing an effective date.

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22       WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that abortions end unborn  
23      life and, especially among young women, carry health risks for  
24      the mother, and

25       WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that a variety of  
26      methods and options to discourage and prevent abortions should  
27      be developed and supported, and

28       WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that programs that provide  
29      hormonal long-acting reversible contraception (HLARC) methods

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30 contribute to declines in the number of abortions, and

31 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that HLARC methods  
32 improve health care outcomes and wellness for women and families  
33 by enabling women to better plan pregnancies, and

34 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that including HLARC as an  
35 option for women is an important step in preventing abortions  
36 and reducing health risks for all women, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

42 381.00515 Hormonal Long-acting Reversible Contraception  
43 Program.—The Hormonal Long-acting Reversible Contraception  
44 (HLARC) Program is established within the Department of Health  
45 to improve the provision of HLARC services to women statewide  
46 and reduce the number of abortions.

47 (1) As used in this section, the term:

48 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

49 (b) "HLARC program" means the Hormonal Long-Acting  
50 Reversible Contraception Program.

51 (2) The department shall contract with eligible family  
52 planning providers to implement the HLARC program throughout the  
53 state. A contract to provide HLARC services must provide for all  
54 of the following:

55 (a) The provision of hormonal intrauterine devices and  
56 implants to participants.

57 (b) Training for providers and their staff regarding the  
58 provision of HLARC devices, counseling strategies, and the

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59 management of side effects.

60 (c) Technical assistance regarding issues such as coding,  
61 billing, pharmacy rules, and clinic management associated with  
62 the increased use of HLARC devices.

63 (d) General support to expand the capacity of family  
64 planning providers in response to increased demand for HLARC  
65 services.

66 (e) Marketing and outreach regarding the availability of  
67 HLARC services among other currently available contraceptive  
68 services.

69 (f) Other services the department considers necessary to  
70 ensure the health and safety of participants who receive HLARC  
71 devices.

72 (3) The Legislature shall annually appropriate funds from  
73 the General Revenue Fund to the department to operate the HLARC  
74 program. Funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection may not  
75 supplant or reduce any other appropriation of state funds to  
76 family planning providers or to the department for family  
77 planning services.

78 (4) The department shall seek grants from federal agencies  
79 and other sources to supplement state funds provided for the  
80 HLARC program.

81 (5) By January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the  
82 department shall submit a report to the Governor, the President  
83 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
84 on the effectiveness of the HLARC program. The department shall  
85 publish the report on its website. The report must include, but  
86 need not be limited to, all of the following for the previous  
87 calendar year:

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88       (a) An assessment of the operation of the program,  
89 including any progress made in reducing the number of abortions,  
90 especially among teenagers.

91       (b) An assessment of the effectiveness of the program in  
92 increasing the availability of HLARC services.

93       (c) The number and location of family planning providers  
94 that participated in the program.

95       (d) The number of clients served by participating family  
96 planning providers.

97       (e) The number of times HLARC services were provided by  
98 participating family providers.

99       (f) The average cost per client served.

100       (g) The demographic characteristics of clients served.

101       (h) The sources and amounts of funding used for the  
102 program.

103       (i) A description of federal and other grants the  
104 department applied for in order to provide HLARC services,  
105 including the outcomes of the grant applications.

106       (j) An analysis of the return on investment for the  
107 provision of HLARC services with regard to tax dollars saved in  
108 the provision of health and social services.

109       (k) A description and analysis of marketing and outreach  
110 activities conducted to promote the availability of HLARC  
111 services.

112       (l) Recommendations for improving the program.

113       (6) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
114 section.

115       Section 2. The Legislature finds that this act is necessary  
116 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.