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 38 | of worship, recreational facilities, commercial areas, and  
 39 | common space, yet small enough to allow programs and services to  
 40 | reach every member of the neighborhood who is willing to  
 41 | participate in the project.

42 | (15) CREATION OF THE ENGLEWOOD KIDZ ZONE.-

43 | (a) There is created within the City of Orlando in Orange  
 44 | County a 10-year project that shall be managed by an entity  
 45 | organized as a corporation not for profit that is registered,  
 46 | incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with chapter  
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63 (16)~~(14)~~ IMPLEMENTATION.—

64 (a) The Miami Children's Initiative, Inc., the New Town  
65 Success Zone, the Parramore Kidz Zone, the Tampa SSNOP Success  
66 Zone, ~~and~~ the Overtown Children and Youth Coalition, the Mercy  
67 Drive Kidz Zone, and the Englewood Kidz Zone have been  
68 designated as Florida Children's Initiatives consistent with the  
69 legislative intent and purpose of s. 16, chapter 2009-43, Laws  
70 of Florida, and as such shall each assist the disadvantaged  
71 areas of the state in creating a community-based service network  
72 and programming that develops, coordinates, and provides quality  
73 education, accessible health care, youth development programs,  
74 opportunities for employment, and safe and affordable housing  
75 for children and families living within their boundaries.

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76 |           Section 2.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.           |