

By Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to medical coverage assistance program
3 for working individuals with disabilities; providing a
4 short title; creating s. 409.9141, F.S.; contingent
5 upon federal approval, requiring the Agency for Health
6 Care Administration to implement and administer a
7 Medicaid buy-in program for specified individuals with
8 disabilities under certain circumstances; requiring
9 the agency to determine the income eligibility level
10 for the program; specifying requirements for the
11 program; requiring the agency to seek federal approval
12 through a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment by a
13 specified date; requiring the agency to implement and
14 administer the program upon receiving federal
15 approval; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Economic Self-
20 Sufficiency for Working Individuals with Disabilities."

21 Section 2. Section 409.9141, Florida Statutes, is created
22 to read:

23 409.9141 Medicaid buy-in program for individuals with
24 disabilities.-

25 (1) (a) Contingent upon federal approval through a Medicaid
26 waiver or state plan amendment, the agency shall implement and
27 administer a Medicaid buy-in program, authorized under the
28 Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, Pub.
29 L. No. 106-170, and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No.

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30 105-33, for individuals with disabilities between 18 and 64
31 years of age who work and whose incomes exceed the maximum
32 income eligibility level for initial enrollment to obtain
33 coverage for medical assistance under the Medicaid program. The
34 agency shall determine the new income eligibility level for such
35 individuals.

36 (b) The Medicaid buy-in program under paragraph (a) must
37 provide full Medicaid benefits to eligible individuals and limit
38 any premium or cost sharing to a percentage of an individual's
39 income, as determined by the agency.

40 (2) By October 1, 2025, the agency shall seek federal
41 approval through a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment as
42 necessary to implement the Medicaid buy-in program under this
43 section. The agency shall implement and administer the Medicaid
44 buy-in program upon receiving federal approval.

45 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.