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

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

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

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

409.9141 Medicaid buy-in program for individuals with
disabilities.—

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

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

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

(2) By October 1, 2026, the agency shall seek federal approval through a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment as necessary to implement the Medicaid buy-in program under this section. The agency shall implement and administer the Medicaid buy-in program upon receiving federal approval.

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