

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.; requiring the
5 Agency for Health Care Administration to implement and
6 administer a Medicaid buy-in program for specified
7 working individuals with disabilities under certain
8 circumstances; providing requirements for the program;
9 requiring the agency to seek by a specified date
10 federal approval through a Medicaid waiver or state
11 plan amendment to implement the program; requiring the
12 agency to implement and administer the program upon
13 receiving federal approval; providing an effective
14 date.

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

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

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

22 409.9141 Medicaid buy-in program for working individuals
23 with disabilities.—

24 (1) (a) Contingent upon federal approval through a Medicaid
25 waiver or a state plan amendment, the agency shall implement and

26 administer a Medicaid buy-in program, authorized under the
27 Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, Pub.
28 L. No. 106-170, and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No.
29 105-33, for individuals with disabilities who are between 18 and
30 64 years of age who work and whose incomes exceed the maximum
31 income eligibility level for initial enrollment to obtain
32 coverage for medical assistance under the Medicaid program. The
33 agency shall determine the new income eligibility level for such
34 individuals.

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

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

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