

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senators Detert and Ring

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program;
3 amending s. 409.814, F.S.; requiring certain children
4 applying for eligibility for a component of Kidcare to
5 be offered the opportunity to be made presumptively
6 eligible for the Kidcare program; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 409.814, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 409.814 Eligibility.—A child who has not reached 19 years
14 of age whose family income is equal to or below 200 percent of
15 the federal poverty level is eligible for the Florida Kidcare
16 program as provided in this section. If an enrolled individual
17 is determined to be ineligible for coverage, he or she must be
18 immediately disenrolled from the respective Florida Kidcare
19 program component.

20 (8) A child under 19 years of age who applies for
21 eligibility for any component of the Kidcare program through a
22 federally qualified health center must be offered the
23 opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be made presumptively
24 eligible for the program. When determining or reviewing a
25 child's eligibility ~~under the Florida Kidcare program~~, the
26 applicant shall be provided with reasonable notice of changes in
27 eligibility which may affect enrollment in one or more of the
28 program components. If a transition from one program component
29 to another is authorized, there must ~~shall~~ be cooperation

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30 between the program components and the affected family which
31 promotes continuity of health care coverage. Any authorized
32 transfers must be managed within the program's overall
33 appropriated or authorized levels of funding. Each component of
34 the program must ~~shall~~ establish a reserve to ensure that
35 transfers between components are ~~will be~~ accomplished within
36 current year appropriations. These reserves shall be reviewed by
37 each convening of the Social Services Estimating Conference to
38 determine the adequacy of such reserves to meet actual
39 experience.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.