By the Committee on Health Care; and Senators Rich, Lynn, Wilson, Hill, Atwater, Klein and Dawson

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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Florida KidCare program; amending s. 409.8132, F.S.; providing for 3 4 year-round enrollment in the Medikids program 5 component of the Florida KidCare program; 6 amending s. 409.8134, F.S.; providing for 7 year-round enrollment in the Florida KidCare 8 program; providing an effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 12 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 409.8132, Florida 13 Statutes, is amended to read: 14 409.8132 Medikids program component. --(7) ENROLLMENT. -- Enrollment in the Medikids program 15 16 component may only occur at any time throughout the year 17 during periodic open enrollment periods as specified in s. 18 409.8134. A child may not receive services under the Medikids program until the child is enrolled in a managed care plan or 19 MediPass. Once determined eligible, an applicant may receive 20 choice counseling and select a managed care plan or MediPass. 2.1 22 The agency may initiate mandatory assignment for a Medikids 23 applicant who has not chosen a managed care plan or MediPass provider after the applicant's voluntary choice period ends. 2.4 An applicant may select MediPass under the Medikids program 25 26 component only in counties that have fewer than two managed 27 care plans available to serve Medicaid recipients and only if 2.8 the federal Health Care Financing Administration determines 29 that MediPass constitutes "health insurance coverage" as defined in Title XXI of the Social Security Act. 30 31

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 409.8134, Florida 2 Statutes, is amended to read: 3 409.8134 Program enrollment and expenditure 4 ceilings.--5 (2) Upon a unanimous recommendation by representatives from each of the four Florida KidCare administrators, The Florida KidCare program may conduct an open enrollment at any 8 time throughout the year period for the purpose of enrolling children eligible for all program components listed in s. 9 409.813 except Medicaid. The four Florida KidCare 10 administrators shall work together to ensure that the 11 12 year-round open enrollment period is announced statewide at 13 least 1 month before the open enrollment is to begin. Eligible children shall be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis 14 using the date the open enrollment application is received. 15 The potential open enrollment periods shall be January 1st 16 through January 30th and September 1st through September 30th. 18 Open Enrollment shall immediately cease when the enrollment ceiling is reached. Year-round An open enrollment shall only 19 be held if the Social Services Estimating Conference 2.0 21 determines that sufficient federal and state funds will be available to finance the increased enrollment through federal 23 fiscal year 2007. Any individual who is not enrolledincluding those added to the waiting list after March 11, 2.4 2004, must reapply by submitting a new application during the 2.5 26 next open enrollment period. However, the Children's Medical 27 Services Network may annually enroll up to 120 additional 2.8 children based on emergency disability criteria outside of the 29 open enrollment periods, and the cost of serving these children must be managed within the KidCare program's 30 appropriated or authorized levels of funding. Except for the

1	Medicaid program, whenever the Social Services Estimating
2	Conference determines that there $\underline{\text{are}}$ is presently, or will be
3	by the end of the current fiscal year, insufficient funds to
4	finance the current or projected enrollment in the Florida
5	KidCare program, all additional enrollment must cease and
6	additional enrollment may not resume until sufficient funds
7	are available to finance such enrollment.
8	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
9	law.
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11	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
12	Senate Bill 1324
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14	The committee substitute requires the KidCare principals to announce year-round enrollment in the program and changes the effective date to upon becoming a law.
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