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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
4/22/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations (Rich)
2 recommended the following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete line(s) 61-94

6 and insert:

7 (3) The Department of Health shall:

8 (a) By January 1, 2009, submit a plan for approval by the
9 United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Food and
10 Nutrition Service, for the implementation of a statewide
11 electronic benefits transfer program for the dissemination of
12 benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
13 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), authorized by the Child
14 Nutrition Act. The plan shall be developed in consultation with
15 WIC vendors, including above-50-percent vendors.

16 (b) By July 1, 2010, establish a statewide electronic
17 benefit transfer program for the dissemination of benefits under



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18 the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants,
19 and Children (WIC), authorized by the Child Nutrition Act. The
20 electronic benefit transfer program shall be implemented in
21 consultation with WIC vendors, including above-50-percent
22 vendors.

23 (c) Submit reports to the Speaker of the House and the
24 President of the Senate as to progress in obtaining federal
25 approval and establishing a statewide electronic benefit transfer
26 system by January 1, 2009, and by January 1, 2010.

27 Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 383.011,
28 Florida Statutes, to read:

29 383.011 Administration of maternal and child health
30 programs.--

31 (3) In administering the WIC program, the Department of
32 Health:

33 (a) Upon implementation of an electronic benefit transfer
34 system and for the purposes of meeting the federal cost
35 neutrality requirement of 7 C.F.R. part 246, shall compare the
36 average cost of each food item redeemed by above-50-percent
37 vendors against the average cost of the same food item redeemed
38 by regular vendors. The department shall collect individual food
39 item redemption costs by requiring authorized vendors to record
40 the price of each redeemed item on the WIC voucher.

41 (b) May not discontinue a WIC-eligible generic product
42 unless the product no longer meets the nutritional guidelines of
43 the WIC program.

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46 And the title is amended as follows:

47 Delete line(s) 4-11



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48 | and insert:

49 | Health to submit a plan for the implementation of a
50 | electronic benefits transfer program for the dissemination
51 | of Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits to the
52 | United States Department of Agriculture by a certain date
53 | and to establish the program by a certain date; amending
54 | s. 383.011, F.S.; requiring the