

By Senator Joyner

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2 A bill to be entitled
3 An act relating to a long-acting reversible
4 contraception pilot program; creating s. 381.00515,
5 F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to establish
6 a long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) pilot
7 program in Hillsborough, Palm Beach, and Pinellas
8 Counties; requiring the department to contract with
9 family planning providers to implement the pilot
10 program; requiring that such contracts include
11 specified provisions; requiring the department to
12 apply for grants for additional funding; requiring the
13 department to submit a report to the Governor and the
14 Legislature; requiring the department to publish the
15 report on its website; specifying requirements for
16 such report; providing an appropriation subject to
17 certain requirements; providing legislative findings;
18 providing an effective date.

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20 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that unintended pregnancies,
21 especially among young women, carry health risks for mother and
22 baby, and

23 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that programs that
24 provide long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) methods,
25 along with other contraceptive methods, contribute to declines
26 in the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions, NOW,
27 THEREFORE,

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

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31 Section 1. Section 381.00515, Florida Statutes, is created
32 to read:

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33 381.00515 Long-acting reversible contraception pilot
34 program.-

35 (1) The Department of Health shall establish a long-acting
36 reversible contraception (LARC) pilot program in Hillsborough,
37 Palm Beach, and Pinellas Counties. The purpose of the pilot
38 program is to improve the provision of LARC services in those
39 counties. The department shall contract with eligible family
40 planning providers to implement the pilot program. A contract to
41 provide LARC services must include all of the following:

42 (a) Provision of intrauterine devices and implants to
43 participants.

44 (b) Training for providers and staff regarding the
45 provision of LARC devices, counseling strategies, and the
46 management of side effects.

47 (c) Technical assistance regarding issues such as coding,
48 billing, pharmacy rules, and clinic management necessitated by
49 the increased use of LARC devices.

50 (d) General support to expand the capacity of family
51 planning clinics.

52 (e) Marketing and outreach regarding the availability of
53 LARC services among other currently available contraceptive
54 services.

55 (f) Other services the department considers necessary to
56 ensure the health and safety of participants who receive LARC
57 devices.

58 (2) The department shall seek grants from federal agencies
59 and other sources to supplement state funds provided for the
60 pilot program.

61 (3) By January 1, 2018, the department shall submit a

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- 62 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
63 Speaker of the House of Representatives on the effectiveness of
64 the pilot program. The department shall publish the report on
65 its website. The report must include, but is not limited to:
- 66 (a) An assessment of the operation of the pilot program,
67 including any progress made in reducing the number of unintended
68 pregnancies and subsequent births, especially among teenagers.
- 69 (b) An assessment of the effectiveness of the pilot program
70 in increasing the availability of LARC services.
- 71 (c) The number and location of family planning providers
72 that participated in the pilot program.
- 73 (d) The number of clients served by participating family
74 planning providers.
- 75 (e) The number of times LARC services were provided by
76 participating family planning providers.
- 77 (f) The average cost per client served.
- 78 (g) The demographic characteristics of clients served.
- 79 (h) The sources and amounts of funding used for the pilot
80 program.
- 81 (i) A description of federal grants the department applied
82 for in order to provide LARC services, including the outcomes of
83 the grant applications.
- 84 (j) An analysis of the return on investment for the
85 provision of LARC services with regard to tax dollars saved on
86 health and social services.
- 87 (k) A description and analysis of marketing and outreach
88 activities conducted to promote the availability of LARC
89 services.
- 90 (l) Recommendations for improving the pilot program.

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91 Section 2. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of
92 \$75,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
93 Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the purpose of
94 implementing this act. The department shall distribute the funds
95 equally among the three counties participating in the pilot
96 program. These funds do not supplant or reduce any other
97 appropriation of state funds to family planning providers or to
98 the department for family planning services.

99 Section 3. The Legislature finds that this act is necessary
100 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

101 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.