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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Florida Veterans Care program; 3 creating s. 292.17, F.S.; creating the program within the Agency for Health Care Administration; specifying 4 5 the purpose of the program; authorizing the agency, in 6 consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 7 to negotiate with federal agencies in order to seek 8 federal funding for the program; providing that 9 eligible participants may enroll in the program to 10 receive certain benefits; prohibiting the use of state funds to support the program; providing that the act 11 12 does not affect a person's eligibility for the state Medicaid program; prohibiting the agency and the 13 14 department from implementing the program without legislative approval; providing an effective date. 15 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 17 18 19 Section 1. Section 292.17, Florida Statutes, is created to 20 read: 21 292.17 Florida Veterans Care program created; purpose and 22 authorization.-The Florida Veterans Care program is created 23 within the Agency for Health Care Administration. The purpose of 24 the program is to leverage the structure and operations of the 25 Medicaid managed care program established under part IV of

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26	chapter 409 to provide Florida veterans and their families with
27	access to a quality alternative to the federal veterans' health
28	care system. The agency, in consultation with the Department of
29	Veterans' Affairs, is authorized to negotiate with applicable
30	federal agencies and to seek approval for a waiver, a state plan
31	amendment, or other federal authorization for federal funding
32	for the Florida Veterans Care program. Participants deemed
33	eligible by the federal Veterans Health Administration or the
34	United States Department of Veterans Affairs may voluntarily
35	enroll in the Florida Veterans Care program to receive all
36	necessary managed medical and long-term care services that meet
37	or exceed the authorized benefits provided under ss. 409.973 and
38	409.98, respectively, including home and community-based
39	services, from plans selected through the competitive bid
40	process described under part IV of chapter 409. State funds may
41	not be used to provide medical or long-term care services under
42	the program or to administer the program. This section does not
43	affect a person's eligibility for services under the state
44	Medicaid program. Notwithstanding s. 292.05(7), the agency and
45	the department may not implement this section without prior
46	legislative approval.
47	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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