

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Hormonal Long-acting Reversible  
3 Contraception Program; creating s. 381.00515, F.S.;  
4 establishing the Hormonal Long-acting Reversible  
5 Contraception (HLARC) Program within the Department of  
6 Health for specified purposes; defining terms;  
7 requiring the department to contract with family  
8 planning providers to implement the program and  
9 provide HLARC services throughout the state; providing  
10 requirements for such contracts; providing for an  
11 annual appropriation; providing that such  
12 appropriations do not supplant or reduce certain other  
13 appropriations; requiring the department to apply for  
14 grants for additional funding; requiring the  
15 department to submit an annual report to the Governor  
16 and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the  
17 department to publish the report on its website;  
18 providing requirements for such reports; authorizing  
19 the department to adopt rules; providing a legislative  
20 finding; providing an effective date.

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22 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that abortions end unborn  
23 life and, especially among young women, carry health risks for  
24 the mother, and

25 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that a variety of

26 | methods and options to discourage and prevent abortions should  
 27 | be developed and supported, and

28 |       WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that programs that provide  
 29 | hormonal long-acting reversible contraception (HLARC) methods  
 30 | contribute to declines in the number of abortions, and

31 |       WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that HLARC methods  
 32 | improve health care outcomes and wellness for women and families  
 33 | by enabling women to better plan pregnancies, and

34 |       WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that including HLARC as an  
 35 | option for women is an important step in preventing abortions  
 36 | and reducing health risks for all women, NOW, THEREFORE,

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38 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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40 |       Section 1. Section 381.00515, Florida Statutes, is created  
 41 | to read:

42 |       381.00515 Hormonal Long-acting Reversible Contraception  
 43 | Program.—The Hormonal Long-acting Reversible Contraception  
 44 | (HLARC) Program is established within the Department of Health  
 45 | to improve the provision of HLARC services to women statewide  
 46 | and reduce the number of abortions.

47 |       (1) As used in this section, the term:

48 |       (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

49 |       (b) "HLARC program" means the Hormonal Long-Acting  
 50 | Reversible Contraception Program.

51        (2) The department shall contract with eligible family  
52 planning providers to implement the HLARC program throughout the  
53 state. A contract to provide HLARC services must provide for all  
54 of the following:

55            (a) The provision of hormonal intrauterine devices and  
56 implants to participants.

57            (b) Training for providers and their staff regarding the  
58 provision of HLARC devices, counseling strategies, and the  
59 management of side effects.

60            (c) Technical assistance regarding issues such as coding,  
61 billing, pharmacy rules, and clinic management associated with  
62 the increased use of HLARC devices.

63            (d) General support to expand the capacity of family  
64 planning providers in response to increased demand for HLARC  
65 services.

66            (e) Marketing and outreach regarding the availability of  
67 HLARC services among other currently available contraceptive  
68 services.

69            (f) Other services the department considers necessary to  
70 ensure the health and safety of participants who receive HLARC  
71 devices.

72            (3) The Legislature shall annually appropriate funds from  
73 the General Revenue Fund to the department to operate the HLARC  
74 program. Funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection may not  
75 supplant or reduce any other appropriation of state funds to

76 family planning providers or to the department for family  
77 planning services.

78 (4) The department shall seek grants from federal agencies  
79 and other sources to supplement state funds provided for the  
80 HLARC program.

81 (5) By January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the  
82 department shall submit a report to the Governor, the President  
83 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
84 on the effectiveness of the HLARC program. The department shall  
85 publish the report on its website. The report must include, but  
86 need not be limited to, all of the following for the previous  
87 calendar year:

88 (a) An assessment of the operation of the program,  
89 including any progress made in reducing the number of abortions,  
90 especially among teenagers.

91 (b) An assessment of the effectiveness of the program in  
92 increasing the availability of HLARC services.

93 (c) The number and location of family planning providers  
94 that participated in the program.

95 (d) The number of clients served by participating family  
96 planning providers.

97 (e) The number of times HLARC services were provided by  
98 participating family providers.

99 (f) The average cost per client served.

100 (g) The demographic characteristics of clients served.

101        (h) The sources and amounts of funding used for the  
 102 program.

103        (i) A description of federal and other grants the  
 104 department applied for in order to provide HLARC services,  
 105 including the outcomes of the grant applications.

106        (j) An analysis of the return on investment for the  
 107 provision of HLARC services with regard to tax dollars saved in  
 108 the provision of health and social services.

109        (k) A description and analysis of marketing and outreach  
 110 activities conducted to promote the availability of HLARC  
 111 services.

112        (l) Recommendations for improving the program.

113        (6) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
 114 section.

115        Section 2. The Legislature finds that this act is  
 116 necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

117        Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.