1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to children's initiative projects; 3 amending s. 409.147, F.S.; creating the Mercy Drive Kidz Zone and the Englewood Kidz Zone in the City of 4 5 Orlando in Orange County; requiring the projects to be 6 managed by nonprofit corporations; exempting the 7 projects from control, supervision, or direction by 8 any state department; providing legislative intent; 9 providing requirements relating to public records and meetings and the procurement of commodities and 10 11 contractual services; providing for implementation; 12 providing an effective date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 409.147, Florida 17 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (16), paragraph (a) of 18 present subsection (14) is amended, and new subsections (14) and 19 (15) are added to that section, to read: 20 409.147 Children's initiatives.-21 (14) CREATION OF THE MERCY DRIVE KIDZ ZONE.-22 There is created within the City of Orlando in Orange

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incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with chapter

County a 10-year project that shall be managed by an entity

organized as a corporation not for profit that is registered,

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617. The Mercy Drive Kidz Zone is not subject to control, supervision, or direction by any department of the state in any manner. The Legislature determines, however, that public policy dictates that the corporation operate in the most open and accessible manner consistent with its public purpose. Therefore, the Legislature specifically declares that the corporation is subject to chapter 119, relating to public records, chapter 286, relating to public meetings and records, and chapter 287, relating to procurement of commodities or contractual services.

- (b) This initiative is designed to encompass an area that is large enough to include all of the necessary components of community life, including, but not limited to, schools, places of worship, recreational facilities, commercial areas, and common space, yet small enough to allow programs and services to reach every member of the neighborhood who is willing to participate in the project.
 - (15) CREATION OF THE ENGLEWOOD KIDZ ZONE. -
- (a) There is created within the City of Orlando in Orange County a 10-year project that shall be managed by an entity organized as a corporation not for profit that is registered, incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with chapter 617. The Englewood Kidz Zone is not subject to control, supervision, or direction by any department of the state in any manner. The Legislature determines, however, that public policy dictates that the corporation operate in the most open and

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accessible manner consistent with its public purpose. Therefore, the Legislature specifically declares that the corporation is subject to chapter 119, relating to public records, chapter 286, relating to public meetings and records, and chapter 287, relating to procurement of commodities or contractual services.

- (b) This initiative is designed to encompass an area that is large enough to include all of the necessary components of community life, including, but not limited to, schools, places of worship, recreational facilities, commercial areas, and common space, yet small enough to allow programs and services to reach every member of the neighborhood who is willing to participate in the project.
 - $(16) \frac{(14)}{(14)}$ IMPLEMENTATION.—

(a) The Miami Children's Initiative, Inc., the New Town Success Zone, the Parramore Kidz Zone, the Tampa SSNOP Success Zone, and the Overtown Children and Youth Coalition, the Mercy Drive Kidz Zone, and the Englewood Kidz Zone have been designated as Florida Children's Initiatives consistent with the legislative intent and purpose of s. 16, chapter 2009-43, Laws of Florida, and as such shall each assist the disadvantaged areas of the state in creating a community-based service network and programming that develops, coordinates, and provides quality education, accessible health care, youth development programs, opportunities for employment, and safe and affordable housing for children and families living within their boundaries.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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