

House Bill No. 807

An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to perform a study of the outreach efforts of the Florida Kidcare program; providing requirements for the study; requiring a report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall perform a study of the effectiveness of the outreach efforts of the Florida Kidcare program for uninsured children. As part of determining the effectiveness of the program, OPPAGA shall examine the current practices of the Social Services Estimating Conference, the Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, and the Department of Education as they relate to determining expenditures, coordinating with other related health programs at the state and local levels to avoid duplication of effort and promote consistency, providing services to children participating in the Florida Kidcare program, making program information available to all Florida parents of eligible children, offering the services of the program to the target population, determining eligibility, providing medical assistance, and increasing enrollment in the Florida Kidcare program. In addition, the report shall focus on local outreach in counties where the program enrollment is atypically low. The report shall examine how counties having higher enrollment levels reach the intended population. If the report finds deficiencies in the outreach process, the report shall provide options for correcting those deficiencies and include the projected cost of implementing those options. In conducting the study, OPPAGA shall consult with the Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services as well as other interested entities that may offer experiences and perspectives relevant to this area of research. The report shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2010.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 18, 2009.

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