

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to refugee assistance programs;  
 3           requiring the state's withdrawal from the federal  
 4           refugee program and providing notice requirements  
 5           relating thereto; amending s. 402.82, F.S.; removing  
 6           language relating to the refugee assistance program;  
 7           repealing s. 402.86, F.S., relating to rulemaking  
 8           authority for the refugee assistance program; amending  
 9           s. 20.425, F.S.; repealing provisions relating to the  
 10          Refugee Assistance Trust Fund; providing an effective  
 11          date.

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

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 15           Section 1. The state coordinator, as defined in 45 C.F.R.  
 16 s. 400.2, shall provide notice by June 30, 2017, to the director  
 17 of the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the state's intent to  
 18 withdraw from the federal refugee resettlement program pursuant  
 19 to 45 C.F.R. s. 400.301. The state shall cease participation in  
 20 the federal refugee program by December 31, 2017.

21           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 402.82, Florida  
 22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23           402.82 Electronic benefits transfer program.—

24           (1) The Department of Children and Families shall  
 25 establish an electronic benefits transfer program for the  
 26 dissemination of food assistance benefits and temporary cash

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27 assistance payments, including ~~refugee cash assistance payments,~~  
28 asylum applicant payments~~,~~ and child support disregard payments.  
29 If the Federal Government does not enact legislation or  
30 regulations providing for dissemination of supplemental security  
31 income by electronic benefits transfer, the state may include  
32 supplemental security income in the electronic benefits transfer  
33 program.

34 Section 3. Section 402.86, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

35 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 20.425, Florida  
36 Statutes, is amended to read:

37 20.425 Agency for Health Care Administration; trust  
38 funds.—The following trust funds shall be administered by the  
39 Agency for Health Care Administration:

40 ~~(7) Refugee Assistance Trust Fund.~~

41 ~~(a) Funds to be credited to the trust fund shall consist~~  
42 ~~of federal grant funds under the Refugee Resettlement Program~~  
43 ~~and the Cuban/Haitian Entrant Program and shall be used for the~~  
44 ~~purpose of providing medical assistance to individuals eligible~~  
45 ~~pursuant to the requirements and limitations of 45 C.F.R. parts~~  
46 ~~400 and 401, as amended, or any other applicable federal~~  
47 ~~requirement or limitation.~~

48 ~~(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and~~  
49 ~~pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end~~  
50 ~~of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of~~  
51 ~~the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of~~  
52 ~~the trust fund.~~

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Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.