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**Representative LaVon Bracy Davis' Children's Initiative
Projects Bill Passes the House Floor**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, **Representative LaVon Bracy Davis's (D-Ocoee) [HB 625 Children's Initiative Projects](#)** passed on the House floor. There are currently five children's initiatives in Florida, and this bill will add two children's initiatives in the City of Orlando. These will assist in fostering community-based networks in disadvantaged areas. This bill will make the provision of quality education, health care, and youth development programs more accessible to children and their families within these areas. The bill goes into effect on July 1, 2023.

“The expansion of this well-meaning program will curb criminal activity and helps children expand their horizons who may have otherwise fallen prey to their environment.” said **Representative Bracy Davis**. “I’m honored my first bill will bring resources and positive change directory to the children and families of House District 40. My platform was built around the idea of protecting, defending, and serving as a champion for Florida’s children. I intend to hold true to my promise to the people of District 40 and the State of Florida.”

Senator Geraldine Thompson, sponsor of the Senate companion bill, said, “This highly successful initiative will now serve more young people in disadvantaged communities. The documented success of the Florida Children’s Initiative warrants the success and support it has earned.”

The Children’s Initiative Projects is an initiative that was initially spearheaded by **Senator Marco Rubio** and creates an incubator for children in opportunity zones to ensure their success and keep them from falling idle to other unproductive things. **HB 625** simply adds the Mercy Drive Kidz Zone and the Englewood Kidz Zone in the City of Orlando.

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