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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to health care; providing intent; creating the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program within the Department of Health; providing for funding; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Jessie Trice was a community leader and life-long advocate of improved health care for the poor, and

WHEREAS, Jessie Trice was the first African-American to receive a nursing degree from the University of Miami, and

WHEREAS, Jessie Trice was the first African-American to serve as director of the Miami-Dade County Health Department, and

WHEREAS, Jessie Trice was the first African-American Chairperson of the Florida State Board of Nursing, and

WHEREAS, Jessie Trice was Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Family Health Center, one of Miami's largest community health centers and the largest employer in Liberty City, and

WHEREAS, Jessie Trice was the Founder and Chairperson of the Health Choice Network, which has recently been recognized as a model for integrated service delivery of health care to the poor, and

WHEREAS, Jessie Trice, after a valiant battle with lung cancer, passed away in October, 1999, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature  
to:

1       (a) Reduce the rates of illness and death from lung  
2 cancer and other cancers and improve the quality of life among  
3 low-income populations through increased access to early,  
4 effective screening and diagnosis, education, and treatment  
5 programs.

6       (b) Create a faith-based disease-prevention program in  
7 conjunction with the Health Choice Network and other community  
8 health centers to build upon the natural referral and  
9 education networks in place within low-income communities and  
10 to increase access to health service delivery in South  
11 Florida.

12       (c) Establish funding to build upon local private  
13 participation to sustain the operation of the program.

14       (2)(a) There is created the Jessie Trice Cancer  
15 Prevention Program, to be located, for administrative  
16 purposes, within the Department of Health, and operated from  
17 the community health centers within the Health Choice Network  
18 in South Florida.

19       (b) Funding will be provided to develop contracts with  
20 community health centers and local faith-based education  
21 programs to provide cancer screening, diagnosis, education,  
22 and treatment services to low-income populations throughout  
23 the state. Pilot programs will be initially created in the  
24 communities of Goulds, Naranja, Coconut Grove, Liberty City,  
25 and East Little Havana in Dade County, and Dunbar in Lee  
26 County.

27       Section 2. The sum of \$750,000 is annually  
28 appropriated from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to the  
29 Department of Health to fund the program created by this act.

30       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program and provides for funding.

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