

By Representatives Joyner and Harper

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to long-term care; creating the
3 "Moses General Miles Act"; authorizing the
4 Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce at
5 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
6 to develop a grant program for pilot projects
7 in assisted living facility long-term care for
8 elderly persons in urban distressed
9 communities; providing for eligibility and
10 priority for funding; creating a review panel
11 to evaluate proposed pilot projects; providing
12 membership of the review panel; directing the
13 institute to provide program technical
14 assistance support; providing rulemaking
15 authority; providing an appropriation;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Moses General
21 Miles Act."

22 Section 2. (1) For the purpose of establishing a
23 long-term residential care continuum of assisted living
24 facilities for low-income elderly living in urban distressed
25 communities, and as an additional source for community
26 economic development opportunities in specific targeted areas,
27 the Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida
28 Agricultural and Mechanical University is authorized to
29 develop a grant program to fund five pilot projects to be
30 located in 5 of the 10 urban distressed communities of
31 Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Orlando,

1 Tampa, St. Petersburg, West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, and
2 Miami-Dade. The funding for the five pilot projects shall be
3 provided to not-for-profit community and faith-based
4 organizations located in urban distressed communities. Each
5 organization seeking funding shall submit to a review panel a
6 strategic plan that outlines the need and the location of
7 assisted living facilities for low-income elderly in the urban
8 distressed communities. The plan should incorporate
9 public-private partnerships that will be used for the
10 development and construction of the assisted living facilities
11 in the urban distressed communities. To be eligible for
12 funding under this program, a not-for-profit community and
13 faith-based organization must hold a current exemption from
14 federal taxation under s. 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal
15 Revenue Code. The institute shall develop criteria for the
16 review of the plans. The institute shall give priority
17 consideration for funding under this program to plans
18 submitted by neighborhood-based organizations that have as a
19 principal part of their missions the improvement of conditions
20 for residents of the neighborhoods in which the organizations
21 are located. The institute shall develop weighted criteria to
22 be used in evaluating applications from the community and
23 faith-based organizations.

24 (2) A review panel is created within the institute to
25 evaluate proposals for award of funding for the five pilot
26 projects. The review panel shall consist of seven members
27 appointed by the President of Florida Agricultural and
28 Mechanical University, as follows:

29 (a) One member who is affiliated with the Agency for
30 Health Care Administration.

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1 (b) The Secretary of Health, or the secretary's
2 designee.

3 (c) The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or the
4 president's designee.

5 (d) One member who is from a private-sector investment
6 institution or organization.

7 (e) One member who is affiliated with the Office of
8 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

9 (f) One member who is from a professional trade
10 organization representing long-term care assisted living
11 facilities.

12 (g) One member who is affiliated with Workforce
13 Florida, Inc.

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15 The director of the institute, or a designee, shall serve as
16 secretary to the review panel without voting rights.

17 (3) The institute shall develop and provide program
18 technical assistance support to the community and faith-based
19 organizations interested in this community economic
20 development initiative.

21 (4) The institute has the authority to adopt rules to
22 implement the provisions of his section.

23 Section 3. There is hereby appropriated from the
24 General Revenue Fund to the Institute on Urban Policy and
25 Commerce at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University the
26 sum of \$1.5 million to develop and provide program technical
27 assistance support to community and faith-based organizations,
28 and for contracts for five pilot projects, pursuant to this
29 act. The institute is authorized to allocate up to \$225,000 to
30 each of the five pilot projects.

31 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Authorizes the Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to develop a grant program for five pilot projects in long-term care through assisted living facilities, for low-income elderly persons in urban distressed communities. Provides eligibility to certain tax-exempt not-for-profit community and faith-based organizations. Provides funding priority for neighborhood-based organizations. Provides for a review panel to evaluate proposed pilot projects for funding. Directs the institute to provide program technical assistance support. Provides rulemaking authority. Provides an appropriation.