

By Senator Dawson

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

31           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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LEGISLATIVE 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.