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By Senator Hill

1-1789-03 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Assisted Living Facilities Trainer Program; requiring the 3 4 Secretaries of Elderly Affairs and Health Care 5 Administration to enter an interdepartmental 6 transfer agreement to transfer the program from 7 the Department of Elderly Affairs to the Agency for Health Care Administration; expanding the 8 9 scope of the program and renaming it; providing a timetable; providing for an advisory 10 workgroup; requiring a report; providing an 11 12 effective date. 13 WHEREAS, the Department of Elderly Affairs commissioned 14 a report from the Pepper Institute to determine whether the 15 16 department's Assisted Living Facilities Trainer Program should 17 be privatized, and WHEREAS, the report stated that the program was 18 19 cost-effective and should be retained by the department, and 20 WHEREAS, the transfer of the training program is 21 logical in that the agency already has a state substructure in 22 place and participates in training activities, and 23 WHEREAS, the department has indicated that it would recommend privatization of the program, the findings of the 24 25 Pepper Institute notwithstanding, NOW, THEREFORE, 26 27 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 28 29 Section 1. The Secretary of Elderly Affairs and the 30 Secretary of Health Care Administration shall enter into an interdepartmental transfer agreement under which all powers, 31 1

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duties, functions, rules, records, personal property, and 1 unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other 2 3 funds that relate to the Assisted Living Facilities Trainer 4 Program of the Department of Elderly Affairs are transferred 5 to the Agency for Health Care Administration. The program is б renamed the Florida Caregivers Institute, and the mission of 7 the program is expanded to include the development of an 8 expanded number of training programs designed to increase best 9 practice for long-term care caregivers and encourage the 10 development of paraprofessionals in the area of long-term care. The transfer shall be conducted with the assistance of 11 an advisory workgroup consisting of a consumer representative, 12 a consumer advocate, and the owner of an assisted living 13 14 facility appointed by the Secretary of Elderly Affairs and a 15 consumer representative, a consumer advocate, and the owner of an assisted living facility appointed by the Secretary of 16 17 Health Care Administration as soon as practicable after the effective date of this act. The transfer agreement shall be 18 19 completed by July 2003 and the transfer of the program shall be completed by January 1, 2004. The workgroup shall report to 20 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of 21 22 the House of Representatives before the beginning of the 2004 23 Regular Session of the Legislature concerning the transfer. 24 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 25 law. 26 27 28 SENATE SUMMARY Requires an interagency transfer agreement to transfer the Assisted Living Facilities Trainer Program from the Department of Elderly Affairs to the Agency for Health Care Administration by January 1, 2004. 29 30 31

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