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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention  
 3           Program within the Department of Health; amending s.  
 4           381.91, F.S.; expanding the program statewide; providing  
 5           an effective date.

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

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 9           Section 1.   Section 381.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 10          read:

11           381.91   Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program.--

12           (1)   It is the intent of the Legislature to:

13           (a)   Reduce the rates of illness and death from lung cancer  
 14          and other cancers and improve the quality of life among low-  
 15          income African-American and Hispanic populations through  
 16          increased access to early, effective screening and diagnosis,  
 17          education, and treatment programs.

18           (b)   Create a community faith-based disease-prevention  
 19          program in conjunction with the Health Choice Network and other  
 20          community health centers to build upon the natural referral and  
 21          education networks in place within minority communities and to  
 22          increase access to health service delivery ~~in South Florida~~.

23           (c)   Establish a funding source to build upon local private  
 24          participation to sustain the operation of the program.

25           (2)(a)   There is created the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention  
 26          Program, to be located, for administrative purposes, within the  
 27          Department of Health, and operated from the community health  
 28          centers within the Health Choice Network ~~in South Florida~~.

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29 (b) Funding shall ~~will~~ be provided to develop contracts  
30 with community health centers and local community faith-based  
31 education programs to provide cancer screening, diagnosis,  
32 education, and treatment services to low-income populations  
33 throughout the state. Pilot programs will be initially created  
34 in the communities of Goulds, Naranja, Coconut Grove, Liberty  
35 City, and East Little Havana in Dade County and Dunbar in Lee  
36 County and expanded statewide thereafter.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.