

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to caregivers for adults; creating the
 3 Seniors Offering Services program within the Department of
 4 Elderly Affairs; providing purposes; providing an
 5 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. Seniors Offering Services program.--Seniors
 10 Offering Services is created as an independent, not-for-profit
 11 corporation within the Department of Elderly Affairs. The
 12 purpose of the program is:

13 (1) To foster the development of training and employment
 14 opportunities for economically disadvantaged workers 55 years of
 15 age and older that are critical to the provision of community-
 16 based and institutional care for frail and vulnerable adults who
 17 live in the community.

18 (2) To assist in meeting the growing demand for in-home
 19 companion care services and prevent costly premature
 20 institutional placement.

21 (3) To become a direct referral resource for the
 22 department.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.