

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Elder & Long-Term Care Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to caregivers for adults; creating the
7 Seniors Offering Services pilot program in Pinellas and
8 Hillsborough Counties to be conducted by the Department of
9 Elderly Affairs; providing purposes; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Seniors Offering Services pilot program.--The
15 Department of Elderly Affairs may conduct a Seniors Offering
16 Services pilot program in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.
17 The Senior Community Service Employment program shall provide
18 the necessary training for the pilot program. The purposes of
19 the pilot program are:

20 (1) To foster the development of training and employment
21 opportunities for economically disadvantaged workers 55 years of
22 age and older that are critical to the provision of community-

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23 based and institutional care for frail and vulnerable adults who
24 live in the community.

25 (2) To assist in meeting the growing demand for in-home
26 companion care services and prevent costly premature
27 institutional placement.

28 (3) To become a direct referral resource for the
29 department.

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