By the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations; and Senators Webster, Fasano and Crist

603-2636-07

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Primary Care Access
3	Network; creating two pilot programs to provide
4	extended operating hours for the purpose of
5	offering health care services at overcrowded
6	clinics in the Primary Care Access Network in
7	Orange, Pasco, Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto
8	Counties; directing the Agency for Health Care
9	Administration to establish a pilot program in
10	Orange and Pasco Counties and a pilot program
11	in Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties;
12	requiring the agency to develop procedures for
13	operating the pilot programs; requiring the
14	agency to submit a report with recommendations
15	to the Governor and the Legislature by a
16	specified date; providing an appropriation;
17	providing an effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that the Primary
22	Care Access Network (PCAN) was founded to address the needs of
23	the uninsured and those who are medically needy by providing a
24	system of service delivery that builds upon the strengths of
25	its current health provider partners. There has been an
26	average 32-percent decrease in nonurgent emergency room
27	services used by the uninsured in areas where one of the
28	clinics is in operation. In accordance with these findings,
29	the Agency for Health Care Administration shall establish a
30	1-year pilot program in Orange and Pasco Counties and a 1-year
31	pilot program in Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties, which

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1	shall each offer health care services during the weekend and
2	after regular business hours during the week.
3	(2) To the extent that funding is available, the pilot
4	program shall provide funds to operate the PCAN clinics during
5	the extended hours that the clinics are open and to pay the
6	employees of those clinics accordingly.
7	(3) The agency shall develop procedures for operating
8	the pilot program.
9	(4) Each January 1 for the duration of the pilot
10	program the agency shall submit to the Governor, the President
11	of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
12	an annual report on the success and outcomes achieved by the
13	pilot program, which must include a recommendation as to
14	whether the pilot program should be continued, terminated, or
15	expanded.
16	Section 2. The sum of \$3.5 million in nonrecurring
17	funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the
18	Agency for Health Care Administration for the purpose of
19	implementing this act during the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
20	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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22	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
23	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 1732</u>
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