

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to caregivers for adults; authorizing the
 3 Department of Elderly Affairs to create a pilot program in
 4 specified counties to train persons to act as companions
 5 and provide certain services to frail adults in the
 6 community; specifying additional purposes of the pilot
 7 program; requiring an evaluation and report to the
 8 Legislature; providing an appropriation; providing an
 9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. (1) Beginning in the 2007-2008 fiscal year and
 14 for a period of no longer than 3 years, the Department of
 15 Elderly Affairs may establish a pilot program in Pasco County or
 16 Pinellas County, or both, to train persons to act as companions
 17 and provide personal assistance to frail adults 60 years of age
 18 or older in the community. The purposes of the pilot program are
 19 to:

20 (a) Assist in meeting the growing demand for in-home
 21 companion care services and personal care services and
 22 preventing costly and premature institutional placements; and

23 (b) Act as a direct referral service for the Department of
 24 Elderly Affairs.

25 (2) By January 1, 2010, if the pilot program is
 26 established, the Department of Elderly Affairs shall submit a
 27 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
 28 House of Representatives which includes the status of the

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29 implementation of the program, the number of persons who have
30 been trained to provide community-based care for frail adults 60
31 years of age or older who live in the community, the number of
32 frail adults 60 years of age or older who have received such
33 services, and recommendations for further legislation, including
34 a recommendation regarding extending the pilot program
35 throughout the state.

36 Section 2. The sum of \$75,000 in nonrecurring revenue is
37 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of
38 Elderly Affairs for fiscal year 2007-2008 to implement the
39 provisions of this act.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.