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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 appropriations; 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. The sum of \$1,350,000 in recurring funds from  
41 the General Revenue Fund and \$1,650,000 in recurring funds from  
42 the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund are appropriated to  
43 the Department of Elderly Affairs for the purpose of completing  
44 statewide implementation of Aging Resource Centers as provided  
45 in s. 430.2053, Florida Statutes.

46 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.