

By Senator Jones

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to caregivers for adults;  
3           authorizing the Department of Elderly Affairs  
4           to create a pilot program to train economically  
5           disadvantaged workers who are a specified age  
6           or older to act as companions and provide  
7           certain services to frail and vulnerable adults  
8           in the community; specifying additional  
9           purposes of the pilot program; requiring an  
10          evaluation and report to the Legislature;  
11          providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. (1) Beginning in the 2007-2008 fiscal year  
16 and for a period of no longer than 3 years, the Department of  
17 Elderly Affairs may establish a pilot program to train  
18 economically disadvantaged workers who are 55 years of age or  
19 older to act as companions and provide personal assistance to  
20 frail and vulnerable adults in the community. The department  
21 shall use the resources of the Senior Community Service  
22 Employment Program to support the pilot program to the  
23 greatest extent allowed by federal law. The purposes of the  
24 pilot program are to:

25           (a) Foster the development of training and employment  
26 opportunities for economically disadvantaged workers who are  
27 55 years of age or older;

28           (b) Encourage the use of economically disadvantaged  
29 workers who are 55 years of age or older in providing  
30 community-based care for frail and vulnerable adults who live  
31 in the community;

