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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Primary Care Access Network;  
3           creating a pilot program to provide extended operating  
4           hours for the purpose of offering health care services at  
5           overcrowded clinics in the Primary Care Access Network in  
6           Orange and Pasco Counties; directing the Agency for Health  
7           Care Administration to establish the pilot program in  
8           Orange and Pasco Counties; requiring the agency to develop  
9           procedures for operating the pilot program; requiring the  
10          agency to submit a report with recommendations to the  
11          Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;  
12          providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that the Primary  
17 Care Access Network (PCAN) was founded to address the needs of  
18 the uninsured and those who are medically needy by providing a  
19 system of service delivery that builds upon the strengths of its  
20 current health provider partners. There has been an average 32-  
21 percent decrease in nonurgent emergency room services used by  
22 the uninsured in areas where one of the clinics is in operation.  
23 In accordance with these findings, the Agency for Health Care  
24 Administration shall establish a 2-year pilot program in Orange  
25 and Pasco Counties to offer health care services during the  
26 weekend and after regular business hours during the week.

27           (2) To the extent that funding is available, the pilot  
28 program shall provide funds to operate the PCAN clinics during

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29 the extended hours that the clinics are open and to pay the  
30 employees of those clinics accordingly.

31 (3) The agency shall develop procedures for operating the  
32 pilot program.

33 (4) Each January 1, for the duration of the pilot program,  
34 the agency shall submit to the Governor, the President of the  
35 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives an  
36 annual report on the success and outcomes achieved by the pilot  
37 program, which must include a recommendation as to whether the  
38 pilot program should be continued, terminated, or expanded.

39 Section 2. The sum of \$2.3 million is appropriated from  
40 the General Revenue Fund to the Agency for Health Care  
41 Administration for the purpose of implementing this act during  
42 the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

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