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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 specified counties; directing the Agency for Health Care
7 Administration to establish the pilot program in Orange,
8 Pasco, Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties; requiring
9 the agency to develop procedures for operating the pilot
10 program; requiring the agency to submit a report with
11 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by a
12 specified date; providing an appropriation; providing a
13 contingent effective date.

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

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

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29 week.

30 (2) To the extent that funding is available, the pilot
31 program shall provide funds to operate the PCAN clinics during
32 the extended hours that the clinics are open and to pay the
33 employees of those clinics accordingly.

34 (3) The agency shall develop procedures for operating the
35 pilot program.

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

42 Section 2. The sum of \$3.5 million is appropriated from
43 the General Revenue Fund to the Agency for Health Care
44 Administration for the purpose of implementing this act during
45 the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Of the funds provided, the sum of
46 \$2.3 million shall be used for programs in Orange and Pasco
47 Counties, and \$1.2 million shall be used for programs in
48 Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties.

49 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, only
50 if a specific appropriation to the Agency for Health Care
51 Administration to fund the pilot program is made in the General
52 Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2007-2008.