

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Primary Care Access Network;
3 creating two pilot programs 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, Pasco, Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties;
7 directing the Agency for Health Care Administration to
8 establish a pilot program in Orange and Pasco Counties and
9 a pilot program in Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties;
10 requiring the agency to develop procedures for operating
11 the pilot program; requiring the agency to submit a report
12 with recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature
13 by a specified date; providing an appropriation; providing
14 an effective date.

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

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

29 care services during the weekend and after regular business
30 hours during the week.

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

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

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

43 Section 2. The sum of \$3.5 million in nonrecurring funds
44 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Agency for
45 Health Care Administration for the purpose of implementing this
46 act during the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

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