

By Senator Bean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Program of All-inclusive Care
3 for the Elderly; requiring the Agency for Health Care
4 Administration to contract with a certain organization
5 to provide services under the federal Program of All-
6 inclusive Care for the Elderly in Duval, St. Johns,
7 Baker, and Nassau Counties; providing an exemption
8 from ch. 641, Florida Statutes, for the organization;
9 requiring the organization, subject to an
10 appropriation, to enroll a specified number of persons
11 to participate in the program in the named counties;
12 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. Notwithstanding s. 430.707, Florida Statutes,
17 and subject to federal approval of the application to be a site
18 for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
19 program, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall
20 contract with a not-for-profit organization that has been
21 jointly formed by a lead agency that has been designated
22 pursuant to s. 430.205, Florida Statutes, and that is licensed
23 as a nursing home diversion program provider, and by a not-for-
24 profit hospice provider that has been licensed for more than 30
25 years to serve individuals and families in Duval, St. Johns,
26 Baker, and Nassau Counties. The not-for-profit organization
27 shall leverage existing community-based care providers and
28 healthcare organizations to provide PACE services to frail
29 elders who reside in Duval, St. Johns, Baker, and Nassau

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30 Counties. The organization is exempt from the requirements of
31 chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The agency, in consultation with
32 the Department of Elderly Affairs, and subject to an
33 appropriation, shall approve up to 300 initial enrollees in the
34 PACE established by this organization to serve frail elders who
35 reside in Duval, St. Johns, Baker, and Nassau Counties.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.