

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senators Bean and Gibson

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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 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to
13 contract with a certain organization to provide
14 services under the federal Program of All-inclusive
15 Care for the Elderly in Alachua, Bradford, Clay,
16 Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy,
17 Putnam, Suwannee, and Union counties; providing an
18 exemption from ch. 641, Florida Statutes, for the
19 organization; requiring the organization, subject to
20 an appropriation, to enroll a specified number of
21 persons to participate in the program in the named
22 counties; providing an effective date.

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

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26 Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 430.707, Florida Statutes,
27 and subject to federal approval of the application to be a site
28 for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
29 program, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall

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30 contract with a not-for-profit organization that has been
31 jointly formed by a lead agency that has been designated
32 pursuant to s. 430.205, Florida Statutes, and that is licensed
33 as a nursing home diversion program provider, and by a not-for-
34 profit hospice provider that has been licensed for more than 30
35 years to serve individuals and families in Duval, St. Johns,
36 Baker, and Nassau Counties. The not-for-profit organization
37 shall leverage existing community-based care providers and
38 healthcare organizations to provide PACE services to frail
39 elders who reside in Duval, St. Johns, Baker, and Nassau
40 Counties. The organization is exempt from the requirements of
41 chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The agency, in consultation with
42 the Department of Elderly Affairs, and subject to an
43 appropriation, shall approve up to 300 initial enrollees in the
44 PACE established by this organization to serve frail elders who
45 reside in Duval, St. Johns, Baker, and Nassau Counties.

46 Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 430.707, Florida Statutes,
47 and subject to federal approval of the application to be a site
48 for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE),
49 the Agency for Health Care Administration shall contract with
50 one private health care organization with more than 30 years'
51 experience as a licensed hospice provider and currently licensed
52 as a hospice provider to serve individuals and families in Clay,
53 Alachua, Bradford and Putnam Counties. This not-for-profit
54 organization shall provide PACE services to frail elders who
55 reside in Alachua, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist,
56 Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee, and Union counties.
57 The organization shall be exempt from the requirements of
58 Chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The agency in consultation with

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59 the Department of Elderly Affairs and subject to an
60 appropriation, shall approve up to 300 initial enrollees in the
61 Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly established by
62 this organization to serve frail elders who reside in Alachua,
63 Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette,
64 Levy, Putnam, Suwannee, and Union counties.

65 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.