Florida Senate - 2007

By the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations; and Senators Webster, Fasano and Crist

603-2636-07 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Primary Care Access 3 Network; creating two pilot programs to provide 4 extended operating hours for the purpose of 5 offering health care services at overcrowded б clinics in the Primary Care Access Network in 7 Orange, Pasco, Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto 8 Counties; directing the Agency for Health Care 9 Administration to establish a pilot program in 10 Orange and Pasco Counties and a pilot program in Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties; 11 12 requiring the agency to develop procedures for 13 operating the pilot programs; requiring the agency to submit a report with recommendations 14 to the Governor and the Legislature by a 15 16 specified date; providing an appropriation; 17 providing an effective date. 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 19 20 21 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that the Primary 22 Care Access Network (PCAN) was founded to address the needs of 23 the uninsured and those who are medically needy by providing a system of service delivery that builds upon the strengths of 2.4 its current health provider partners. There has been an 25 26 average 32-percent decrease in nonurgent emergency room 27 services used by the uninsured in areas where one of the 2.8 clinics is in operation. In accordance with these findings, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall establish a 29 1-year pilot program in Orange and Pasco Counties and a 1-year 30 pilot program in Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto Counties, which 31

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 shall each offer health care services during the weekend and 2 after regular business hours during the week. 3 (2) To the extent that funding is available, the pilot 4 program shall provide funds to operate the PCAN clinics during the extended hours that the clinics are open and to pay the 5 6 employees of those clinics accordingly. 7 (3) The agency shall develop procedures for operating 8 the pilot program. 9 (4) Each January 1 for the duration of the pilot 10 program the agency shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives 11 12 an annual report on the success and outcomes achieved by the 13 pilot program, which must include a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be continued, terminated, or 14 15 expanded. Section 2. The sum of \$3.5 million in nonrecurring 16 17 funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the 18 Agency for Health Care Administration for the purpose of implementing this act during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. 19 20 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 21 22 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 23 Senate Bill 1732 2.4 An additional pilot area, which includes Manatee, Sarasota and 25 DeSoto counties, was added. 26 Changed the duration of the pilot from 2 to 1 year. 27 The appropriation was changed from \$2.3 million to \$3.5 2.8 million of nonrecurring general revenue funds. 29 30 31 2

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.