## Florida Senate - 2007

By Senator Jones

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to caregivers for adults;
3	authorizing the Department of Elderly Affairs
4	to create a pilot program to train economically
5	disadvantaged workers who are a specified age
б	or older to act as companions and provide
7	certain services to frail and vulnerable adults
8	in the community; specifying additional
9	purposes of the pilot program; requiring an
10	evaluation and report to the Legislature;
11	providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. <u>(1) Beginning in the 2007-2008 fiscal year</u>
16	and for a period of no longer than 3 years, the Department of
17	<u>Elderly Affairs may establish a pilot program to train</u>
18	economically disadvantaged workers who are 55 years of age or
19	older to act as companions and provide personal assistance to
20	frail and vulnerable adults in the community. The department
21	shall use the resources of the Senior Community Service
22	Employment Program to support the pilot program to the
23	greatest extent allowed by federal law. The purposes of the
24	pilot program are to:
25	(a) Foster the development of training and employment
26	opportunities for economically disadvantaged workers who are
27	<u>55 years of age or older;</u>
28	(b) Encourage the use of economically disadvantaged
29	workers who are 55 years of age or older in providing
30	community-based care for frail and vulnerable adults who live
31	in the community;
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1 (c) Assist in meeting the growing demand for in-home 2 companion care services and personal care services and preventing costly and premature institutional placements; and 3 4 (d) Act as a direct referral service for the Department of Elderly Affairs. 5 б (2) By January 1, 2010, if the pilot program is 7 established, the Department of Elderly Affairs shall submit a 8 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the 9 House of Representatives which includes the status of the 10 implementation of the program, the number of economically disadvantaged workers who have been trained to provide 11 12 community-based care for frail and vulnerable older adults who live in the community, the number of frail and vulnerable 13 older adults who have received such services, and 14 recommendations for further legislation, including a 15 recommendation regarding extending the pilot program 16 17 throughout the state. 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 19 20 21 SENATE SUMMARY Authorizes the Department of Elderly Affairs to create a pilot program to train economically disadvantaged workers 2.2 23 who are a specified age or older to act as companions and provide certain services to frail and vulnerable adults 2.4 in the community. Specifies additional purposes of the pilot program. Requires an evaluation and report to the 25 Legislature. 26 27 28 29 30 31

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