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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law requires the Department of  
9 Mental Health to provide education and services  
10 regarding care of individuals with Alzheimer's  
11 disease, dementia, or related diseases to those  
12 individuals, their families, and the general  
13 public.

14 This bill would authorize the Department of  
15 Public Health to provide education and services  
16 regarding care of individuals with Alzheimer's  
17 disease, dementia, or related diseases to those  
18 individuals, their families, and the general  
19 public, would remove the responsibility and  
20 authority to do so from the Department of Mental  
21 Health, and would provide for funding.  
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23 A BILL  
24 TO BE ENTITLED  
25 AN ACT  
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1                   Relating to public health; to authorize the  
2 Department of Public Health to provide education and services  
3 regarding care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease,  
4 dementia, or related diseases to those individuals, their  
5 families, and the general public; to repeal Sections 22-50-70,  
6 22-50-71, 22-50-72, 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama  
7 1975, to remove the responsibility and authority to do so from  
8 the Department of Mental Health; and to provide for funding.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10                   Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited  
11 as the Alabama Alzheimer's and Dementia Education, Care and  
12 Training Act.

13                   Section 2. The purposes of this act are:

14                   (1) To enable Alabamians with Alzheimer's disease,  
15 dementia, or related diseases to live with dignity in their  
16 homes or community for as long as possible.

17                   (2) To develop services that follow individuals with  
18 Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related diseases and  
19 maintain their independence in the community.

20                   (3) To provide appropriate services for Alabamians  
21 with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related diseases  
22 residing in both rural and urban settings.

23                   (4) To emphasize and implement cost-efficient,  
24 low-technology, high-yield services that can currently benefit  
25 thousands of Alabama citizens.

26                   (5) To allow Alabamians to pay for services based on  
27 their individual resources.

1           Section 3. (a) Subject to Section 5, the Department  
2 of Public Health is authorized to develop educational programs  
3 and services concerning Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and  
4 related diseases. These programs and services shall be offered  
5 to individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related  
6 diseases, the families of these individuals, and the general  
7 public.

8           (b) (1) The department may provide instructors to  
9 train and provide support to each of the following:

10           a. Members of the families of individuals with  
11 Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar diseases.

12           b. Health care providers who provide care for  
13 individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar  
14 diseases at the home of the individual or a member of the  
15 family of the individual, or a similar residential location.

16           c. Other caregivers who provide care for individuals  
17 with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar diseases at the  
18 home of the affected individual or a member of the family of  
19 the individual, or similar residential location.

20           (2) These instructors may provide technical  
21 assistance, training, support, and advice that will accomplish  
22 both of the following:

23           a. Encourage the providing of long-term care for  
24 such individuals in the home of the individual, or a member of  
25 the family of the individual, or a similar residential  
26 location.

1           b. Reduce health care costs to the state, the family  
2 of the affected individual, and health care facilities.

3           Section 4. The Department of Public Health may adopt  
4 rules to implement this act.

5           Section 5. (a) The Legislature is authorized to  
6 appropriate funding to establish and implement the  
7 requirements of this act and to maintain the programs and  
8 services required by this act.

9           (b) The Department of Public Health is authorized to  
10 implement the requirements of this act to the extent funding  
11 is provided.

12           (c) The department may accept gifts, grants, and  
13 donations offered in support of the services established by  
14 this act.

15           (d) The department may assess reasonable fees from  
16 recipients of the services provided by this act, if the  
17 recipient is able to pay for the services. If the recipient is  
18 able to pay a portion of a fee, the department shall collect  
19 that portion from the recipient. All fees collected shall  
20 be used by the department for the purposes of this act.

21           Section 6. Sections 22-50-70, 22-50-71,  
22 22-50-72, 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama 1975,  
23 relating to dementia education and training, are repealed.

24           Section 7. This act shall become effective on  
25 October 1, 2019, following its passage and approval by the  
26 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.