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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would create the position of Dementia Services Coordinator within the Department of Senior Services.

This bill would also provide for the duties of the Dementia Services Coordinator.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Senior Services; to add a new Section 38-2-26 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to create the position of Dementia Services Coordinator within the Department of Senior Services; and to provide for the duties of the position.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 38-2-26 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§38-2-26

(a) The position of Dementia Services Coordinator is created within the Department of Senior Services. The coordinator shall be a full-time, compensated position within the Department of Senior Services. The coordinator's salary



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29 shall be fixed by the Commissioner of the Department of Senior
30 Services and shall not be subject to Section 36-6-6.

31 (b) The Dementia Services Coordinator shall promote
32 public and professional awareness of and education related to
33 dementia by promoting access to relevant services and programs
34 and fulfilling all of the following duties:

35 (1) Evaluating:

36 a. The coordination of dementia services within
37 Alabama, including the identification of duplicate services;

38 b. Dementia-related data collected by relevant state
39 agencies concerning the impact of dementia in Alabama; and

40 c. Grant opportunities to expand the scope of services
41 for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.

42 (2) Coordinating information and resources affecting
43 Alabamians living with dementia and their caregivers,
44 including, but not limited to:

45 a. Using dementia-related data to coordinate ways to
46 improve public health outcomes and the delivery of services to
47 individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia;

48 b. Establishing and maintaining relationships with
49 other agencies, providers, and organizations within the state
50 to meet the needs of affected populations and prevent the
51 duplication of services;

52 c. Supporting the provision of dementia-specific staff
53 training across all relevant state agencies, including, but
54 not limited to, law enforcement, the Department of Senior
55 Services, and the Department of Public Health; and

56 d. Recommending strategies to improve coordination of



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57 dementia-related services and resources provided by public and
58 private entities.

59 (3) Streamlining all applicable state government
60 services to increase efficiency and improve the quality of
61 care in residential, home, and community-based settings.

62 (4) Coordinating Alzheimer's and dementia-related work
63 groups and task forces.

64 (5) Overseeing the implementation and revision of the
65 State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Dementias
66 in Alabama.

67 (6) Any other duties relevant to supporting policy
68 development and implementation to enhance the quality of life
69 for individuals affected by dementia and their caregivers.

70 (c) No later than the first day of each regular
71 legislative session, the Dementia Services Coordinator shall
72 prepare and submit a report of his or her activities during
73 the previous year to the chairs of the Senate Healthcare
74 Committee and the House of Representatives Health Committee.

75 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
76 1, 2024.