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3 By Representative Shaver  
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5           This bill would require the Alabama Department  
6           of Public Health to incorporate data related to  
7           Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia into  
8           public awareness and outreach campaigns related to  
9           Alzheimer's and use the data as the department  
10          coordinates public health service deliveries across the  
11          state.

12           This bill would also require the department to  
13          incorporate certain information and tools relating to  
14          the detection and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and  
15          other forms of dementia into education programming for  
16          health care providers.

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19                           A BILL  
20                           TO BE ENTITLED  
21                           AN ACT  
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23           Relating to Alzheimer's disease; to add Section  
24   22-50-82.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for  
25   health care outreach and public awareness programs related to  
26   Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia by the Alabama  
27   Department of Public Health; and to require the department to  
28   incorporate certain education related to Alzheimer's disease



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within education programs for health care providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 22-50-82.1 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§22-50-82.1

(a) The Alabama Department of Public Health, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall do all of the following:

(1) Use dementia-related data to coordinate ways to improve public health outcomes and service delivery for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related forms of dementia.

(2) Establish and maintain relationships with other agencies, providers, and organizations within the state to meet the needs or populations affected by dementia and prevent the duplication of services.

(3) Incorporate information about brain health, dementia risk reduction, Alzheimer's disease, and other forms of dementia in public health outreach programs to:

a. Increase public understanding and awareness of: (i) brain health and dementia risk reduction; (ii) early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia; (iii) the value of early detection and timely diagnosis; and (iv) the relationship between Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and other chronic health conditions; and

b. Ensure that the department's public awareness and outreach programs provide clear, uniform guidance in nonclinical terms and prioritize populations that are at



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greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

(b) The Alabama Department of Public Health shall incorporate all of the following into health care provider education programming offered by the department:

(1) The importance of risk reduction, early detection, and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment and dementia.

(2) Information about validated assessment tools for the detection and diagnosis of cognitive impairment.

(3) The value of validated cognitive assessment tools during Medicare annual wellness visits.

(4) Medicare care planning billing codes for individuals with cognitive impairment.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.