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H.B. No. 3376

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training on Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related disorders for certain guardians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 155.203(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In adopting rules under this section, the supreme court shall ensure that:

(1) the commission is required to provide confirmation of a person's completion of the training required by Section 155.204(a)(1) and a copy of the person's criminal history background check to the probate court not later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing to appoint a guardian; and

(2) a probate court is required to ensure a guardian's timely completion of the training required by Section 155.204(a)(2), unless the training is waived by the probate court as provided by Section 155.204(a)(3).

SECTION 2. Section 155.204, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) In adopting rules under Section 155.203, the supreme court shall:

(1) subject to Subdivision (3) [~~(2)~~], ensure that before a person is appointed guardian, the person completes a

1 training course:

2 (A) designed by the commission to educate
3 proposed guardians about their responsibilities as guardians,
4 alternatives to guardianships, supports and services available to
5 the proposed ward, and a ward's bill of rights under Section
6 [1151.351](#), Estates Code; and

7 (B) made available for free to proposed guardians
8 by the commission online via the commission's Internet website and,
9 on request, in a written format; ~~and~~

10 (2) subject to Subdivision (3) and Subsection (a-1),
11 require that not later than the sixth month after the date a
12 guardian is appointed and at least once a year, the guardian
13 completes a one-hour training course:

14 (A) provided to educate guardians on Alzheimer's
15 disease, dementia, and related disorders, including providing
16 information about:

17 (i) common aspects of aging;

18 (ii) warning signs of dementia and
19 Alzheimer's disease;

20 (iii) effective strategies for
21 communicating with a person who is diagnosed with dementia or
22 Alzheimer's disease; and

23 (iv) effective strategies and resources
24 available for supporting a person who is diagnosed with dementia or
25 Alzheimer's disease in exercising the person's rights; and

26 (B) made available for free to guardians by the
27 commission online via the commission's Internet website; and

1 (3) identify the circumstances under which a court may
2 waive the training required under this section.

3 (a-1) Subsection (a)(2) applies only to the appointment of a
4 guardian of the person or the estate, or both, of a ward who is:

5 (1) 60 years of age or older; or

6 (2) younger than 60 years of age if the ward has been
7 diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a related
8 disorder.

9 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas
10 Supreme Court shall adopt the rules required under Sections 155.203
11 and 155.204, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

12 (b) Not later than July 1, 2026, the Judicial Branch
13 Certification Commission shall make available on the commission's
14 Internet website the course required by Section 155.204(a)(2),
15 Government Code, as amended by this Act.

16 (c) Notwithstanding Section 155.204(a), Government Code, as
17 amended by this Act, a guardian appointed before July 1, 2026, who
18 is required to complete the training required by Section
19 155.204(a)(2), Government Code, as amended by this Act, shall
20 complete the initial training required by that section not later
21 than September 1, 2026.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.