

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 999 directs the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to work with stakeholders in developing a state plan to identify best practices related to awareness, treatment, and prevention of Alzheimer's disease. The state plan must also address strategies for providing caregiver support. This bill requires DSHS to update the state plan every five years. (Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 999 amends current law relating to a state plan for education on and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, by adding Chapter 99, as follows:

CHAPTER 99. STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS

Sec. 99.001. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE PLAN. (a) Requires the Department of State Health Service (DSHS), using existing resources and programs to the extent possible, to develop and implement a state plan for education on and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

(b) Requires the state plan to include best practices and strategies for:

- (1) improving early detection of, reducing disease onset risks for, and improving treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders for specific demographic groups;
- (2) educating health care professionals, caregivers, and the public to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;
- (3) providing caregiver support;
- (4) advancing basic science and applied research related to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and
- (5) collecting and evaluating information on efforts to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

(c) Requires DSHS to develop the strategies described by Subsection (b)(1) in consultation with physicians and other health care providers licensed in this state who have clinical training and experience in caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

Sec. 99.002. COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES. (a) Requires DSHS, in developing the state plan under Section 99.001, to seek comments from interested parties, including certain enumerated persons and entities.

(b) Requires the Health and Human Services Commission, on request of DSHS, to provide information and comments related to services provided to persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

(c) Requires DSHS to meet with interested parties at least two times each year to facilitate comments on and discuss the progress of developing and implementing the state plan developed under this chapter and gather information for the report required under Section 99.004.

Sec. 99.003. REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF STATE PLAN. Requires DSHS to conduct a review and modify as necessary the state plan developed under this chapter at least once every five years.

Sec. 99.004. REPORT. Requires DSHS, not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, to submit to the legislature a report on the development and implementation or the review or modification of the state plan developed under this chapter.

Sec. 99.005. GIFTS AND GRANTS. Authorizes DSHS to accept gifts and grants from any source to fund the duties of DSHS under this chapter.

Sec. 99.006. NO CAUSE OF ACTION, DUTY, STANDARD OF CARE, OR LIABILITY CREATED. Provides that, notwithstanding any other law, Section 99.001, including the use of or failure to use any information or materials developed or disseminated under that section, does not create a civil, criminal, or administrative cause of action or liability or create a standard of care, obligation, or duty that provides a basis for a cause of action.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.