

AN ACT

relating to a state plan for education on and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 99 to read as follows:

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

Sec. 99.001. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE PLAN.

(a) The department, using existing resources and programs to the extent possible, shall develop and implement a state plan for education on and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

(b) The state plan must include 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

1 to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

2 (c) The department shall develop the strategies described  
3 by Subsection (b)(1) in consultation with physicians and other  
4 health care providers licensed in this state who have clinical  
5 training and experience in caring for persons with Alzheimer's  
6 disease or related disorders.

7 Sec. 99.002. COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES. (a) In  
8 developing the state plan under Section 99.001, the department  
9 shall seek comments from interested parties, including:

10 (1) members of the public with, or who care for persons  
11 with, Alzheimer's disease or related disorders;

12 (2) each state agency that provides services to  
13 persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders;

14 (3) any advisory body that addresses issues related to  
15 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders;

16 (4) public advocates concerned with issues related to  
17 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders;

18 (5) physicians and health care providers licensed in  
19 this state who have clinical training and experience in caring for  
20 persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders; and

21 (6) researchers of issues affecting persons with  
22 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

23 (b) On request of the department, the commission shall  
24 provide information and comments related to services provided to  
25 persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

26 (c) The department shall meet with interested parties at  
27 least two times each year to:

1           (1) facilitate comments on and discuss the progress of  
2 developing and implementing the state plan developed under this  
3 chapter; and

4           (2) gather information for the report required under  
5 Section 99.004.

6           Sec. 99.003. REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF STATE PLAN. The  
7 department shall conduct a review and modify as necessary the state  
8 plan developed under this chapter at least once every five years.

9           Sec. 99.004. REPORT. Not later than September 1 of each  
10 even-numbered year, the department shall submit to the legislature  
11 a report on the development and implementation or the review or  
12 modification of the state plan developed under this chapter.

13           Sec. 99.005. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The department may accept  
14 gifts and grants from any source to fund the duties of the  
15 department under this chapter.

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

23           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

S.B. No. 999

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 999 passed the Senate on March 27, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 999 passed the House on April 11, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Governor