

By: Campbell, et al.
(Zerwas, Capriglione, Button, Goldman)

S.B. No. 999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.