

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 999
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 1-4 Services; March 21, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 21, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a state plan for education on and treatment of
 1-20 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Chapter 99 to read as follows:

1-24 CHAPTER 99. STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED
 1-25 DISORDERS

1-26 Sec. 99.001. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE PLAN.

1-27 (a) The department, using existing resources and programs to the
 1-28 extent possible, shall develop and implement a state plan for
 1-29 education on and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related
 1-30 disorders.

1-31 (b) The state plan must include best practices and
 1-32 strategies for:

1-33 (1) improving early detection of, reducing disease
 1-34 onset risks for, and improving treatment of Alzheimer's disease and
 1-35 related disorders for specific demographic groups;

1-36 (2) educating health care professionals, caregivers,
 1-37 and the public to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and
 1-38 related disorders;

1-39 (3) providing caregiver support;

1-40 (4) advancing basic science and applied research
 1-41 related to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and

1-42 (5) collecting and evaluating information on efforts
 1-43 to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

1-44 Sec. 99.002. COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES. (a) In
 1-45 developing the state plan under Section 99.001, the department
 1-46 shall seek comments from interested parties, including:

1-47 (1) members of the public with, or who care for persons
 1-48 with, Alzheimer's disease or related disorders;

1-49 (2) each state agency that provides services to
 1-50 persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders;

1-51 (3) any advisory body that addresses issues related to
 1-52 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders;

1-53 (4) public advocates concerned with issues related to
 1-54 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders;

1-55 (5) health care providers who provide services to
 1-56 persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders; and

1-57 (6) researchers of issues affecting persons with
 1-58 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

1-59 (b) On request of the department, the commission shall
 1-60 provide information and comments related to services provided to
 1-61 persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

2-1 (c) The department shall meet with interested parties at
2-2 least two times each year to:

2-3 (1) facilitate comments on and discuss the progress of
2-4 developing and implementing the state plan developed under this
2-5 chapter; and

2-6 (2) gather information for the report required under
2-7 Section 99.004.

2-8 Sec. 99.003. REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF STATE PLAN. The
2-9 department shall conduct a review and modify as necessary the state
2-10 plan developed under this chapter at least once every five years.

2-11 Sec. 99.004. REPORT. Not later than September 1 of each
2-12 even-numbered year, the department shall submit to the legislature
2-13 a report on the development and implementation or the review or
2-14 modification of the state plan developed under this chapter.

2-15 Sec. 99.005. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The department may accept
2-16 gifts and grants from any source to fund the duties of the
2-17 department under this chapter.

2-18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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