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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2199

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REGARDING THE ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL;
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 AN ACT REGARDING THE ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY
13 COUNCIL.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-8-601(2), concerning the Alzheimer's*
20 *Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:*

21 *(2) More than ~~five million (5,000,000)~~ five million four hundred*
22 *thousand (5,400,000) Americans now have Alzheimer's disease;*
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24 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-8-602(a), concerning the membership of*
25 *the Alzheimer's Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:*

26 *(a) There is created the Alzheimer's Advisory Council to consist of*
27 *~~seventeen (17)~~ twenty-three (23) members as follows:*

28 *(1) ~~Four (4)~~ Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the*
29 *House of Representatives as follows:*

30 *(A) ~~One (1) member~~ Two (2) members of the House of*
31 *Representatives;*

32 *(B) One (1) member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's*
33 *disease;*

34 *(C) One (1) member to represent the health care provider*
35 *community; and*

36 *(D) One (1) member to represent the adult day services*



1 *industry;*

2 (2) ~~Four (4)~~ Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro
3 Tempore of the Senate as follows:

4 (A) ~~One (1) member~~ Two (2) members of the Senate;

5 (B) One (1) member who is a paid caregiver of a person
6 with Alzheimer's disease;

7 (C) One (1) member to represent the assisted living
8 industry; and

9 (D) One (1) member who is a scientist who specializes in
10 Alzheimer's research;

11 (3) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

12 (A) One (1) member who is a ~~family member of a person~~
13 living physician caring for persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease ~~or~~
14 ~~other form of dementia~~;

15 (B) One (1) member to represent the nursing facility
16 industry;

17 (C) One (1) member who is a person active in the state
18 chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and

19 (D) One (1) member who is a person active in the state
20 chapter of Alzheimer's Arkansas Programs and Services; and

21 (4) ~~Five (5)~~ Nine (9) members as follows:

22 (A) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her
23 designee;

24 (B) The Director of the Department of Human Services or
25 his or her designee;

26 (C) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of
27 the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;

28 (D) The Director of the Arkansas Center for Health
29 Improvement or his or her designee; ~~and~~

30 (E) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services
31 or his or her designee; and

32 (F) Four (4) members appointed by the state chapter of the
33 Alzheimer's Association to represent Arkansas families that have been
34 affected by Alzheimer's disease.

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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-8-603 is amended to read as follows:

1 20-8-603. *Duties.*

2 ~~(a) The Alzheimer's Advisory Council shall:~~

3 (1) *Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease*
4 *and other types of dementia on the residents of the State of Arkansas;*

5 (2) *Examine the existing industries, services, and resources*
6 *addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their*
7 *families, and caregivers; and*

8 (3) *Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the*
9 *public health crisis created by Alzheimer's disease and other types of*
10 *dementia.*

11 ~~(b) The council shall include the following in its assessments and~~
12 ~~recommendations:~~

13 ~~(1) Statewide trends in the number of persons living with~~
14 ~~Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and the needs of those~~
15 ~~persons;~~

16 ~~(2) The state's role in providing long-term care, family~~
17 ~~caregiver support, and other forms of assistance to persons with early-stage~~
18 ~~and younger-onset of Alzheimer's disease;~~

19 ~~(3) State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease and~~
20 ~~developmental disabilities;~~

21 ~~(4) Existing services, resources, and capacity, including~~
22 ~~without limitation:~~

23 ~~(A) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services;~~

24 ~~(B) The dementia-specific training requirements for long-~~
25 ~~term care staff;~~

26 ~~(C) Quality care measures for residential care facilities;~~

27 ~~(D) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement~~
28 ~~agencies to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease;~~

29 ~~(E) The availability of home-based and community-based~~
30 ~~resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease, including the availability of~~
31 ~~respite care for families;~~

32 ~~(F) An inventory of long-term care dementia care units;~~

33 ~~(G) The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric~~
34 ~~psychiatric units for persons with behavioral disorders associated with~~
35 ~~Alzheimer's and related dementia;~~

36 ~~(H) The assisted living residential options for persons~~

1 ~~with dementia; and~~

2 ~~(I) State support for Alzheimer's research; and~~

3 ~~(5) Needed state policies or responses, including without~~
4 ~~limitation;~~

5 ~~(A) Directions for the provision of clear and coordinated~~
6 ~~services and supports for persons and families living with Alzheimer's and~~
7 ~~related disorders; and~~

8 ~~(B) Strategies for addressing identified gaps in services.~~

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10 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 20-8-604 is amended to read as follows:

11 20-8-604. Reports.

12 The Alzheimer's Advisory Council shall present a draft of assessments
13 and recommendations for meeting the Alzheimer's disease needs in the State of
14 Arkansas to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the
15 Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or before October 1
16 of each even-numbered year.

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