

HOUSE BILL No. 1177

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2-84; IC 16-46-17.

Synopsis: Strategic plan on dementia. Requires the state department of health to develop a strategic plan concerning dementia in Indiana. Establishes the Indiana dementia council (council) and sets forth duties of the council. Beginning June 30, 2021, requires the council to submit a report to the governor's office and the general assembly concerning dementia, research on Alzheimer's disease, and the outcomes of implementing the dementia strategic plan.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

Porter

January 7, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-84, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2014,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 84. "Council", **refers to the following:**
- 4 (1) For purposes of IC 16-46-6, ~~refers to~~ the interagency state
- 5 council on black and minority health.
- 6 (2) **For purposes of IC 16-46-17, the Indiana dementia council.**
- 7 SECTION 2. IC 16-46-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 8 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 9 JULY 1, 2021]:
- 10 **Chapter 17. Strategic Plan to Address Dementia**
- 11 **Sec. 1. The state department shall develop a dementia strategic**
- 12 **plan to identify and significantly reduce the prevalence of dementia**
- 13 **in Indiana.**
- 14 **Sec. 2. (a) The dementia strategic plan must include the**
- 15 **following:**
- 16 (1) **Proposed state actions.**
- 17 (2) **Implementation steps.**



- 1 **(3) Recommendations to carry out the purposes of the plan.**
2 **(b) The dementia strategic plan must do the following:**
3 **(1) Assess Indiana's current and future status concerning**
4 **dementia, including the following:**
5 **(A) Determine Indiana trends concerning the diagnosis of**
6 **dementia, and the current and future economic cost on**
7 **Indiana.**
8 **(B) Evaluate the services, resources, and care available to**
9 **address the needs of individuals with dementia, and their**
10 **families and caregivers.**
11 **(C) Identify methods to reduce the financial costs of**
12 **dementia care while improving care and services in**
13 **Indiana.**
14 **(2) Identify strategies to increase awareness of dementia,**
15 **including the following:**
16 **(A) Educate health care providers:**
17 **(i) on the importance of early detection and diagnosis of**
18 **Alzheimer's disease and dementia;**
19 **(ii) on the importance of an annual wellness visit for**
20 **cognitive health; and**
21 **(iii) of Medicare having a billing code for individuals**
22 **with cognitive impairment.**
23 **(B) Promote culturally appropriate public health**
24 **campaigns to increase understanding and awareness of**
25 **early warning symptoms of dementia, and the value of**
26 **early detection and diagnosis.**
27 **(C) Incorporate messages on brain health, including how**
28 **to reduce the risk of cognitive decline, in existing public**
29 **health campaigns and in diverse community settings where**
30 **there is a greater risk of developing dementia.**
31 **(3) Identify strategies to enhance Indiana's dementia based**
32 **workforce, including the following:**
33 **(A) Analyze dementia specific training requirements for**
34 **paid professionals engaged in the care of individuals with**
35 **dementia in institutions and home and community based**
36 **settings.**
37 **(B) Increase the number of individuals pursuing careers in**
38 **dementia care and geriatric occupations to meet future**
39 **state needs.**
40 **(C) Enhance the capacity of adult protective services**
41 **workers and law enforcement to properly respond to**
42 **individuals with dementia.**



1 (4) Identify strategies to increase access to home and
 2 community based services for individuals with dementia,
 3 including the following:

4 (A) Identify the type, cost, and variety of dementia services
 5 in Indiana.

6 (B) Assess capacity and access to adult day care, respite
 7 care, assisted living, and long term care services.

8 (C) Identify methods to expand Indiana's health care
 9 system capacity to meet the growing number and needs of
 10 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

11 (5) Identify strategies to enhance the quality of care for
 12 individuals with dementia, including the following:

13 (A) Assess quality care measures for long term care
 14 facilities, assisted living facilities, and residential programs
 15 available to care for individuals with dementia.

16 (B) Uncover any existing gaps in dementia services and
 17 determine a plan to cover the gap in service.

18 (C) Identify methods to improve dementia services
 19 provided in home and community based settings.

20 (6) Recommend strategies to decrease health disparities
 21 concerning dementia in ethnic and racial populations in
 22 Indiana.

23 (7) Identify and increase state based support for Alzheimer's
 24 disease research through Indiana universities and other
 25 resources.

26 (8) Identify needed state policies or actions to act upon
 27 findings under this section and implement the
 28 recommendations of the plan, setting forth a time frame for
 29 implementation.

30 **Sec. 3. (a) The state department shall establish and staff the**
 31 **Indiana dementia council.**

32 **(b) The council shall consist of the following voting members:**

33 **(1) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee.**

34 **(2) The secretary of family and social services or the**
 35 **secretary's designee.**

36 **(3) One (1) individual representing the office of Medicaid**
 37 **policy and planning.**

38 **(4) One (1) individual representing the Indiana commission**
 39 **for higher education.**

40 **(5) One (1) individual representing the long term care**
 41 **ombudsman program.**

42 **(6) One (1) individual licensed as a physician under**



1 **IC 25-22.5.**

2 **(7) One (1) individual licensed as a registered nurse under**
 3 **IC 25-23 who has a specialty in geriatric or dementia care.**

4 **(8) One (1) individual representing the adult day service**
 5 **industry.**

6 **(9) One (1) individual representing the assisted living**
 7 **industry.**

8 **(10) One (1) individual representing the in-home care**
 9 **industry.**

10 **(11) One (1) individual who works in the area of Alzheimer's**
 11 **disease research.**

12 **(12) One (1) individual representing the Alzheimer's**
 13 **Association, Greater Indiana Chapter.**

14 **(13) One (1) individual representing the Indiana area agencies**
 15 **on aging.**

16 **(14) Two (2) representatives from entities that represent**
 17 **Indiana's aging population.**

18 **(15) One (1) individual who is an unpaid family caregiver of**
 19 **an individual with dementia.**

20 **(16) One (1) individual who is diagnosed with dementia.**

21 **The members under this subsection shall be appointed by the**
 22 **governor.**

23 **(c) The council shall also consist of the following nonvoting**
 24 **members:**

25 **(1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who may**
 26 **not be members of the same political party, appointed by the**
 27 **speaker of the house of representatives with the advice of the**
 28 **minority leader of the house of representatives.**

29 **(2) Two (2) members of the senate, who may not be members**
 30 **of the same political party, appointed by the president pro**
 31 **tempore of the senate with the advice of the minority leader**
 32 **of the senate.**

33 **(d) Each member of the council serves a term of four (4) years.**
 34 **A member appointed to fill a vacancy is appointed for the**
 35 **remainder of the unexpired term.**

36 **(e) A majority of voting members of the council constitutes a**
 37 **quorum for transacting business of the council.**

38 **(f) The council shall elect one (1) member to serve as**
 39 **chairperson of the council and one (1) member to serve as vice**
 40 **chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson serve a term of**
 41 **four (4) years.**

42 **(g) Each member of the council who is not a state employee is**



1 entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
 2 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Such a member is also entitled to reimbursement
 3 for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in
 4 connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel
 5 policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of
 6 administration and approved by the budget agency.

7 (h) Each member of the council who is a state employee but who
 8 is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to
 9 reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually
 10 incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the
 11 state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana
 12 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

13 (i) Each member of the council who is a member of the general
 14 assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and
 15 travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study
 16 committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,
 17 mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be
 18 paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the
 19 legislative services agency.

20 (j) The council shall meet at least quarterly and the meetings
 21 shall be open to the public in compliance with IC 5-14-1.5.

22 Sec. 4. (a) The council shall assist the state department in the
 23 development of the plan required under section 1 of this chapter.

24 (b) Before June 30, 2022, the council shall submit to the state
 25 department the council's recommended strategic plan concerning
 26 dementia. The council shall update the plan at least every four (4)
 27 years.

28 Sec. 5. Beginning June 30, 2023, and every June 30 thereafter,
 29 the council shall provide the governor's office and, in an electronic
 30 format under IC 5-14-6, the general assembly a report that must
 31 include the following:

32 (1) Information and recommendations on policy and
 33 regulatory changes regarding dementia.

34 (2) An evaluation of all state funded efforts in Alzheimer's
 35 disease research.

36 (3) Outcomes from implementation of the strategic plan
 37 required under this chapter.

38 Sec. 6. The council may apply for and use any grants, gifts, or
 39 bequests from any source for the completion of the council's duties
 40 under this chapter.

