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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Alzheimer's state plan task force.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 191.116, to read as  
3 follows:

191.116. 1. There is hereby established in the  
2 department of health and senior services the "Alzheimer's  
3 State Plan Task Force". The task force shall consist of  
4 twenty-one members, as follows:

5 (1) The lieutenant governor, or his or her designee,  
6 who shall serve as chair of the task force;

7 (2) The directors of the departments of health and  
8 senior services, social services, and mental health, or  
9 their designees;

10 (3) One member of the house of representatives to be  
11 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

12 (4) One member of the senate to be appointed by the  
13 president pro tempore of the senate;

14 (5) One member who has early-stage Alzheimer's disease  
15 or a related dementia;

16 (6) One member who is a family caregiver of a person  
17 with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia;

- 18           (7) One member who is a licensed physician with  
19 experience in the diagnosis, treatment, and research of  
20 Alzheimer's disease;
- 21           (8) One member from the office of state ombudsman for  
22 long-term care facility residents;
- 23           (9) One member representing residential long-term care;
- 24           (10) One member representing the home care profession;
- 25           (11) One member representing the adult day services  
26 profession;
- 27           (12) One member representing the area agencies on  
28 aging;
- 29           (13) One member with expertise in minority health;
- 30           (14) One member representing the law enforcement  
31 community;
- 32           (15) One member from the department of higher  
33 education and workforce development with knowledge of  
34 workforce training;
- 35           (16) Two members representing voluntary health  
36 organizations in Alzheimer's disease care, support, and  
37 research;
- 38           (17) One member representing licensed skilled nursing  
39 facilities; and
- 40           (18) One member representing Missouri veterans' homes.
- 41           2. The members of the task force, other than the  
42 lieutenant governor, members from the general assembly, and  
43 department and division directors, shall be appointed by the  
44 governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Members  
45 shall serve on the task force without compensation.
- 46           3. The task force shall assess all state programs that  
47 address Alzheimer's disease and update and maintain an  
48 integrated state plan to overcome the challenges caused by  
49 Alzheimer's disease. The state plan shall include

50 implementation steps and recommendations for priority  
51 actions based on this assessment. The task force's actions  
52 shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

53 (1) Assess the current and future impact of  
54 Alzheimer's disease on residents of the state of Missouri;

55 (2) Examine the existing services and resources  
56 addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
57 their families and caregivers;

58 (3) Develop recommendations to respond to the  
59 escalating public health crisis regarding Alzheimer's  
60 disease;

61 (4) Ensure the inclusion of ethnic and racial  
62 populations that have a higher risk for Alzheimer's disease  
63 or are least likely to receive care in clinical, research,  
64 and service efforts, with the purpose of decreasing health  
65 disparities in Alzheimer's disease treatment;

66 (5) Identify opportunities for the state of Missouri  
67 to coordinate with federal government entities to integrate  
68 and inform the fight against Alzheimer's disease;

69 (6) Provide information and coordination of  
70 Alzheimer's disease research and services across all state  
71 agencies;

72 (7) Examine dementia-specific training requirements  
73 across health care, adult protective services workers, law  
74 enforcement, and all other areas in which staff are involved  
75 with the delivery of care to those with Alzheimer's disease  
76 and other dementias; and

77 (8) Develop strategies to increase the diagnostic rate  
78 of Alzheimer's disease in Missouri.

79 4. The task force shall deliver a report of  
80 recommendations to the governor and members of the general  
81 assembly no later than June 1, 2022.

82           5. The task force shall continue to meet at the  
83 request of the chair and at a minimum of one time annually  
84 for the purpose of evaluating the implementation and impact  
85 of the task force recommendations and shall provide annual  
86 supplemental report updates on the findings to the governor  
87 and the general assembly.

88           6. The provisions of this section shall expire on  
89 December 31, 2026.

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