

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3036

AN ACT

To establish the National Alzheimer's Project.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Alzheimer’s
3 Project Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. THE NATIONAL ALZHEIMER’S PROJECT.**

5 (a) **DEFINITION OF ALZHEIMER’S.**—In this Act, the
6 term “Alzheimer’s” means Alzheimer’s disease and related
7 dementias.

8 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the
9 Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services the
10 National Alzheimer’s Project (referred to in this Act as
11 the “Project”).

12 (c) **PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT.**—The Secretary of
13 Health and Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee,
14 shall—

15 (1) be responsible for the creation and mainte-
16 nance of an integrated national plan to overcome
17 Alzheimer’s;

18 (2) provide information and coordination of Alz-
19 heimer’s research and services across all Federal
20 agencies;

21 (3) accelerate the development of treatments
22 that would prevent, halt, or reverse the course of
23 Alzheimer’s;

24 (4) improve the—

25 (A) early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease;

26 and

1 (B) coordination of the care and treatment
2 of citizens with Alzheimer's;

3 (5) ensure the inclusion of ethnic and racial
4 populations at higher risk for Alzheimer's or least
5 likely to receive care, in clinical, research, and serv-
6 ice efforts with the purpose of decreasing health dis-
7 parities in Alzheimer's; and

8 (6) coordinate with international bodies to inte-
9 grate and inform the fight against Alzheimer's glob-
10 ally.

11 (d) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services, or the Secretary's designee, shall—

14 (A) oversee the creation and updating of
15 the national plan described in paragraph (2);
16 and

17 (B) use discretionary authority to evaluate
18 all Federal programs around Alzheimer's, in-
19 cluding budget requests and approvals.

20 (2) NATIONAL PLAN.—The Secretary of Health
21 and Human Services, or the Secretary's designee,
22 shall carry out an annual assessment of the Nation's
23 progress in preparing for the escalating burden of
24 Alzheimer's, including both implementation steps

1 and recommendations for priority actions based on
2 the assessment.

3 (e) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an Ad-
5 visory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and
6 Services (referred to in this Act as the “Advisory
7 Council”).

8 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

9 (A) FEDERAL MEMBERS.—The Advisory
10 Council shall be comprised of the following ex-
11 perts:

12 (i) A designee of the Centers for Dis-
13 ease Control and Prevention.

14 (ii) A designee of the Administration
15 on Aging.

16 (iii) A designee of the Centers for
17 Medicare & Medicaid Services.

18 (iv) A designee of the Indian Health
19 Service.

20 (v) A designee of the Office of the Di-
21 rector of the National Institutes of Health.

22 (vi) The Surgeon General.

23 (vii) A designee of the National
24 Science Foundation.

1 (viii) A designee of the Department of
2 Veterans Affairs.

3 (ix) A designee of the Food and Drug
4 Administration.

5 (x) A designee of the Agency for
6 Healthcare Research and Quality.

7 (B) NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS.—In addi-
8 tion to the members outlined in subparagraph
9 (A), the Advisory Council shall include 12 ex-
10 pert members from outside the Federal Govern-
11 ment, which shall include—

12 (i) 2 Alzheimer’s patient advocates;

13 (ii) 2 Alzheimer’s caregivers;

14 (iii) 2 health care providers;

15 (iv) 2 representatives of State health
16 departments;

17 (v) 2 researchers with Alzheimer’s-re-
18 lated expertise in basic, translational, clin-
19 ical, or drug development science; and

20 (vi) 2 voluntary health association
21 representatives, including a national Alz-
22 heimer’s disease organization that has
23 demonstrated experience in research, care,
24 and patient services, and a State-based ad-
25 vocacy organization that provides services

1 to families and professionals, including in-
2 formation and referral, support groups,
3 care consultation, education, and safety
4 services.

5 (3) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall
6 meet quarterly and such meetings shall be open to
7 the public.

8 (4) ADVICE.—The Advisory Council shall advise
9 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the
10 Secretary’s designee.

11 (5) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Advisory Council
12 shall provide to the Secretary of Health and Human
13 Services, or the Secretary’s designee and Congress—

14 (A) an initial evaluation of all federally
15 funded efforts in Alzheimer’s research, clinical
16 care, and institutional-, home-, and community-
17 based programs and their outcomes;

18 (B) initial recommendations for priority
19 actions to expand, eliminate, coordinate, or con-
20 dense programs based on the program’s per-
21 formance, mission, and purpose;

22 (C) initial recommendations to—

23 (i) reduce the financial impact of Alz-
24 heimer’s on—

1 (I) Medicare and other federally
2 funded programs; and

3 (II) families living with Alz-
4 heimer’s disease; and

5 (ii) improve health outcomes; and

6 (D) annually thereafter, an evaluation of
7 the implementation, including outcomes, of the
8 recommendations, including priorities if nec-
9 essary, through an updated national plan under
10 subsection (d)(2).

11 (6) TERMINATION.—The Advisory Council shall
12 terminate on December 31, 2025.

13 (f) DATA SHARING.—Agencies both within the De-
14 partment of Health and Human Services and outside of
15 the Department that have data relating to Alzheimer’s
16 shall share such data with the Secretary of Health and
17 Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee, to enable the
18 Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee, to complete the re-
19 port described in subsection (g).

20 (g) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of Health and
21 Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee, shall submit
22 to Congress—

23 (1) an annual report that includes an evalua-
24 tion of all federally funded efforts in Alzheimer’s re-

1 search, clinical care, and institutional-, home-, and
2 community-based programs and their outcomes;

3 (2) an evaluation of all federally funded pro-
4 grams based on program performance, mission, and
5 purpose related to Alzheimer’s disease;

6 (3) recommendations for—

7 (A) priority actions based on the evalua-
8 tion conducted by the Secretary and the Advi-
9 sory Council to—

10 (i) reduce the financial impact of Alz-
11 heimer’s on—

12 (I) Medicare and other federally
13 funded programs; and

14 (II) families living with Alz-
15 heimer’s disease; and

16 (ii) improve health outcomes;

17 (B) implementation steps; and

18 (C) priority actions to improve the preven-
19 tion, diagnosis, treatment, care, institutional-,
20 home-, and community-based programs of Alz-
21 heimer’s disease for individuals with Alz-
22 heimer’s disease and their caregivers; and

23 (4) an annually updated national plan.

24 (h) SUNSET.—The Project shall expire on December
25 31, 2025.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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