

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 436

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Nursing Home Care Act; amending Section 1, Chapter 231, O.S.L. 2017 (63 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1-1991), which relates to training for Alzheimer's and dementia care; adding certain workers to training requirement; transferring certain duty to the State Commissioner of Health; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 231, O.S.L. 2017 (63 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1-1991), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1991. A. ~~The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules that require all~~ All medical and direct care staff of nursing and specialized facilities, adult day care centers, assisted living centers, hospice agencies and home health agencies licensed by the State Department of Health ~~to~~, and all workers trained in palliative care shall complete, at a minimum, one (1) hour of in-service training per year in Alzheimer's- and dementia-related care.

1 B. The curricula for the training shall include, but not be  
2 limited to, learning ways to decode behavior messages, identifying  
3 common behavioral triggers and determining the types of positive  
4 communication that can take place between persons with Alzheimer's  
5 disease and professional caregivers.

6 C. ~~The Board shall also promulgate rules establishing~~ State  
7 Department of Health shall establish appropriate training  
8 requirements for support staff working in the facilities listed in  
9 subsection A of this section who do not provide direct care for  
10 patients.

11 D. The State Commissioner of Health shall promulgate rules to  
12 implement the provisions of this section.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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