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An Act relating to Alzheimer's disease and related dementia; creating the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Infrastructure Act; providing short title; defining terms; requiring the State Department of Health to compile and update certain state plan; requiring the State Department of Health to create and publish an annual report; listing components of state plan; requiring certain publication and submission of state plan; creating the Dementia Caregiver Support Group and Education Program Development Fund; specifying type of fund and source of monies; providing for expenditure of funds; stating allowable expenses; directing development of program for certain grant awards; providing for annual awards subject to available funding; providing for application and eligibility for receipt of awards; imposing certain duties on the Department; creating the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Research Fund; requiring the State Department of Health to maintain a minimum of one dementia-specific trained and certified employee in each health district; providing rules; requiring certain curriculum to include specified training; repealing

63 O.S. 2021, Sections 1-879.2 and 1-879.3, which relate to the Alzheimer's Research Advisory Council and duties, development, and enhancement of the Core Neuropathy Laboratory; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.11 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Infrastructure Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.12 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. "Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia State Plan" or "state plan" means a plan developed by the state in conjunction with stakeholders for meeting the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia and their caregivers;

2. "Caregiver" means any person other than a paid provider who provides care for a person with dementia; and

3. "Dementia" means a degenerative disease of the central nervous system characterized especially by premature cognitive deterioration. This includes Alzheimer's disease and related

dementia and diagnoses which are similarly marked by irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties with concomitant emotional disturbance resulting from organic brain disorder, such as:

- a. chronic traumatic encephalopathy,
- b. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease,
- c. frontotemporal dementia,
- d. Huntington's disease,
- e. Korsakoff syndrome,
- f. Lewy body dementia,
- g. Parkinson's disease,
- h. progressive supranuclear palsy,
- i. vascular dementia, or
- j. any other neurocognitive disorder that results in the irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.13 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Health shall compile and publish an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia State Plan and shall update the state plan every four (4) years. The Department shall consult with relevant stakeholders when compiling and updating the state plan.

B. Components of the state plan shall include, but not be limited to:

1 1. Information on statewide coordination and service system
2 development for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;

3 2. Information on education, support, and other available
4 services for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;

5 3. Progress reports, updates, and measures of improvement or
6 decline in relevant metrics regarding dementia diagnosis, treatment,
7 services, and outcomes as compared to the previous state plan;

8 4. Public policy recommendations concerning Alzheimer's disease
9 and related dementia for state policymakers; and

10 5. Information on all grant awardees, projects, and amounts
11 awarded under Section 5 of this act.

12 C. The Department shall publish the state plan on its Internet
13 website and shall submit the state plan to the Speaker of the
14 Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Oklahoma State Senate, the Governor, and the appropriate cabinet
16 secretary.

17 D. The State Department of Health shall create and publish an
18 annual report that consists of the progress of implementing the
19 state plan, and the use and distribution of the Dementia Caregiver
20 Support Group and Education Program Development Fund and the
21 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Research Fund.

22 E. The Department shall publish the annual report on its
23 Internet website.
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1 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.14 of Title 63, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
5 for the State Department of Health to be designated the "Dementia
6 Caregiver Support Group and Education Program Development Fund".
7 The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
8 limitations, and shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit
9 of the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund
10 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
11 Department for the purpose of awarding grants as described in
12 Section 5 of this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made
13 upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
14 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
15 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

16 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.15 of Title 63, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The State Department of Health shall develop a program to
20 award grants to nonprofit organizations operating in areas of this
21 state that meet the United States Census Bureau classification of
22 "rural" to support community efforts to establish support groups and
23 evidence-based community education programs for caregivers of
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1 persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Subject to
2 available funding, the grants shall be awarded annually.

3 B. The Department shall develop an application process and
4 eligibility requirements for receiving the grants. The Department
5 shall be responsible for distributing and managing the grant awards.

6 C. The State Commissioner of Health may promulgate rules as
7 necessary to implement this act.

8 D. The State Department of Health shall include information on
9 the awardee(s), project(s), and dollars awarded in the annual report
10 as described in Section 3 of this act.

11 E. This fund shall sunset five (5) years from the enactment of
12 this act.

13 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.16 of Title 63, unless
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury, subject to
17 the availability of funds, a revolving fund for the State Department
18 of Health to be designated the "Alzheimer's Disease and Related
19 Dementia Research Fund". The Alzheimer's Disease and Related
20 Dementia Research Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to
21 fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies deposited
22 to the credit of the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit
23 of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended
24 by the State Department of Health for the purposes listed in Section

1 5 of this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
2 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
3 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
4 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

5 B. The awards shall be made through an awards committee of
6 seven (7) members, coordinated by the Dementia Services Manager,
7 consisting of three (3) representatives from the scientific and
8 medical communities, three (3) members of the general public, and
9 the Dementia Services Manager.

10 C. The awards shall be given annually to selected applicants
11 residing and performing research in the State of Oklahoma in order
12 to support research into the causes of Alzheimer's disease and
13 related dementia, methods of treatment, ways that families can cope
14 with the stresses of the disease, and the impact of the disease on
15 Oklahoma.

16 D. Information on the awardee, project, and dollars awarded
17 shall be included in the annual report as described in Section 3 of
18 this act.

19 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.17 of Title 63, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. The State Department of Health shall maintain a minimum of
23 at least one (1) dementia-specific trained and certified community
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1 health worker, health educator, or other relevant employee in each
2 health district to serve Oklahoma residents.

3 B. The State Department of Health shall have a dementia-
4 specific trained and certified community health worker, health
5 educator, or other relevant employee in each health district by
6 identifying and training one (1) relevant employee in three (3)
7 health districts the year after the enactment of this act, then one
8 (1) relevant employee in three (3) health districts each year
9 following until each health district has one (1) dementia-specific
10 trained and certified relevant employee serving each health district
11 or by year four after the enactment of this act, whichever comes
12 first.

13 C. Each health district shall select an employee to receive the
14 dementia-specific training and certification based on that
15 district's assessment of the employee's capabilities, workload,
16 competency, and interest. The health district shall oversee the
17 employee in the employee's day-to-day capacity.

18 D. The State Department of Health-trained and -certified
19 dementia-specific employee shall serve Oklahoma residents in the
20 following manner:

21 1. Connect caregivers and persons living with Alzheimer's
22 disease or related dementia to community resources;

23 2. Provide community outreach, engagement, and education on
24 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia; and

1 3. Help connect caregivers and persons living with Alzheimer's
2 disease or related dementia to relevant education and support
3 groups.

4 E. The State Department of Health-trained and -certified
5 dementia-specific employee shall complete a dementia care training
6 program recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7 (CMS) from a certified training source or trainer.

8 F. The State Department of Health-trained and -certified
9 dementia-specific employee shall complete annual continuing
10 education.

11 G. Each health district shall work with the employee acting as
12 the director or manager of federal funds pertaining to the
13 development of a dementia-friendly public health system to share
14 data and quality metrics on the trained and certified dementia-
15 specific employee's impact in local communities. Data and quality
16 metrics shall be established by the Center for Chronic Disease
17 Prevention and Health Promotion.

18 H. The oversight of the trained and certified dementia-specific
19 employee's certification status, continuing education, data and
20 quality metrics analysis, and impact reporting shall reside with the
21 employee acting as the director or manager of federal funds
22 pertaining to the development of a dementia-friendly public health
23 system. As part of this oversight, the employee acting as the
24 director or manager of federal funds pertaining to the development

1 of a dementia-friendly public health system shall receive up to ten
2 percent (10%) of administrative funds to ensure sustainability of
3 the integrity of the trained and certified dementia-specific
4 employee program.

5 I. The State Department of Health shall include information on
6 the implementation of the trained and certified dementia-specific
7 employees and the data and quality metrics achieved in local
8 communities in the annual report as described in Section 3 of this
9 act.

10 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1280.5 of Title 59, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 Curriculum for certified community health workers shall include,
14 but not be limited to, training on Alzheimer's disease and related
15 dementia.

16 SECTION 9. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2021, Sections 1-879.2 and
17 1-879.3, are hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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