

1     ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2     BILL NO. 2747

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(Tammy), Munson, Hefner and  
Dollens of the House

and

Haste and Rogers of the  
Senate

[ Alzheimer's and dementia disease - Alzheimer's  
Research Advisory Council - laboratory - revolving  
fund - awards - effective date ]

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

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1-879.3, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.5 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 3.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.6 of Title 63, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       The purpose of this act is to develop a coordinated state  
2 structure and state and community response to dementia that meets  
3 the growing need for dementia-specific services, research and  
4 community education, and caregiver support.

5       SECTION 4.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.7 of Title 63, unless  
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8       As used in this act:

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

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

15       3. "Dementia" means a degenerative disease of the central  
16 nervous system characterized especially by premature cognitive  
17 deterioration. This includes Alzheimer's disease and related  
18 dementia and diagnoses which are similarly marked by irreversible  
19 deterioration of intellectual faculties with concomitant emotional  
20 disturbance resulting from organic brain disorder, such as:

- 21           a. Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy,
- 22           b. Creutzfeldt-Jakob Syndrome,
- 23           c. Frontotemporal dementias,
- 24           d. Huntington's disease,

- e. Korsakoff's Syndrome,
- f. Lewy-body disease,
- g. Parkinson's disease,
- h. Progressive supranuclear palsy,
- i. Vascular dementia, or
- j. any other neurocognitive brain disorder that results in the irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.8 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In the State Department of Health, there is hereby created an Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Resource Coordination to provide statewide coordination, service system development, and information on education, support, and other available services. The Office shall provide the following:

1. Initiate the development of systems which coordinate the delivery of programs and services;
2. Facilitate the coordination and integration of research, program development, planning, and quality assurance;
3. Identify potential users of services and gaps in the service delivery system and expand methods and resources to enhance statewide services;

1        4.    Serve as a resource for education, research, and training  
2 and provide information on available services;

3        5.    Provide technical assistance for the application of relevant  
4 federal and state grants;

5        6.    Provide technical assistance for state and local initiatives  
6 to serve individuals, families, and caregivers;

7        7.    Work with relevant State Department of Health staff to  
8 recommend public policy concerning Alzheimer's disease and related  
9 dementia to state policymakers;

10       8.    Facilitate the coordination of Alzheimer's State Plan re-  
11 write every four (4) years, stakeholder involvement in the re-write,  
12 amendments to the Alzheimer's State Plan during the re-write interim  
13 period, and any progress reports, updates, and other communication  
14 regarding the Alzheimer's State Plan;

15       9.    Submit an annual report that details Alzheimer's State Plan  
16 implementation progress, information on service delivery system  
17 developments and gaps, research updates, and resources, outreach,  
18 and information to The Advancement of Wellness Advisory Council as  
19 defined in Section 1-103a.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
20 for review and approval. Upon approval the annual report shall be  
21 provided to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Office  
22 of the Governor, the Oklahoma State Legislature, and made publicly  
23 available on the State Department of Health's website; and  
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1        10. Facilitate the coordination and integration of educational  
2 initiatives for health care providers on the importance and value of  
3 early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment,  
4 validated cognitive assessment tools, and increasing understanding  
5 and awareness of early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and  
6 other types of dementia and how to reduce the risk of cognitive  
7 decline.

8        B. The Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia  
9 Resource Coordination shall maintain on staff at least one (1)  
10 dementia services manager. The dementia services manager shall be a  
11 full-time, permanent employee and shall be responsible for the  
12 staffing and operational details of the Office of Alzheimer's  
13 Disease and Related Dementia Resource Coordination.

14        SECTION 6.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.9 of Title 63, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

1 of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended  
2 by the State Department of Health for the purposes listed in Section  
3 5 of this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon  
4 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
5 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
6 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

7 B. The awards shall be made through an awards committee of  
8 seven (7) members, coordinated by the dementia services manager  
9 consisting of three (3) representatives from the scientific and  
10 medical communities, three (3) members of the general public, and  
11 the dementia services manager.

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

18 D. Information on the awardee, project, and dollars awarded  
19 shall be included in the annual report as defined in paragraph 9 of  
20 Section 5 of this act.

21 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.10 of Title 63, unless  
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:  
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1       A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury, subject to  
2 the availability of funds, a revolving fund for the State Department  
3 of Health's Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia  
4 Resource Coordination to be designated the Dementia Caregiver  
5 Support Group and Education Program Development Fund. The Dementia  
6 Caregiver Support Group and Education Program Development Fund shall  
7 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and  
8 shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit of the fund by  
9 law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
10 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State  
11 Department of Health's Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related  
12 Dementia Resource Coordination for the purpose of providing funds  
13 for the Dementia Caregiver Support Group and Education Program  
14 Development Fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon  
15 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
16 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
17 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

18       B. The Dementia Support and Education Program Development Fund  
19 shall be administered by the State Department of Health's Office of  
20 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Resource Coordination. The  
21 awards shall be made through an awards committee of five (5)  
22 members, facilitated by the dementia services manager consisting of  
23 representatives from the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia  
24 State Plan writing committee.

1 C. The awards shall be given annually to non-profit applicants  
2 residing in the state of Oklahoma in areas of the state meeting the  
3 Census Bureau classification of rural in order to support community  
4 efforts to establish Alzheimer's disease and related dementia  
5 caregiver support groups and evidence-based community education  
6 programs.

7 D. The Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia  
8 Resource Coordination shall include information on the awardee(s),  
9 project(s), and dollars awarded in the annual report as defined in  
10 paragraph 9 of Section 5 of this act.

11 E. The Dementia Caregiver Support Group and Education Program  
12 Development Fund shall sunset five (5) years from the effective date  
13 of this act.

14 SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

15 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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20 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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