

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 6, 2023

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 2747

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

7 and

8 Haste and Rogers of the  
9 Senate

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12 [ Alzheimer's and dementia disease - Alzheimer's  
13 Research Advisory Council - laboratory - revolving  
14 fund - awards - effective date ]  
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2021, Sections 1-879.2, and  
18 1-879.3, are hereby repealed.

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

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Alzheimer's  
23 Disease and Related Dementia Infrastructure Act".  
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1       SECTION 3.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.6 of Title 63, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

11       As used in this act:

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

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

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

24       a. Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy,

- b. Creutzfeldt-Jakob Syndrome,
- c. Frontotemporal dementias,
- 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;

1        3. Identify potential users of services and gaps in the service  
2 delivery system and expand methods and resources to enhance  
3 statewide services;

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

6        5. Provide technical assistance for the application of relevant  
7 federal and state grants;

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

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

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

18       9. Submit an annual report that details Alzheimer's State Plan  
19 implementation progress, information on service delivery system  
20 developments and gaps, research updates, and resources, outreach,  
21 and information to The Advancement of Wellness Advisory Council as  
22 defined in Section 1-103a.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
23 for review and approval. Upon approval the annual report shall be  
24 provided to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Office

1 of the Governor, the Oklahoma State Legislature, and made publicly  
2 available on the State Department of Health's website; and

3 10. Facilitate the coordination and integration of educational  
4 initiatives for health care providers on the importance and value of  
5 early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment,  
6 validated cognitive assessment tools, and increasing understanding  
7 and awareness of early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and  
8 other types of dementia and how to reduce the risk of cognitive  
9 decline.

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

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

19 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury, subject to  
20 the availability of funds, a revolving fund for the State Department  
21 of Health's Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia  
22 Resource Coordination to be designated the Alzheimer's Disease and  
23 Related Dementia Research Fund. The Alzheimer's Disease and Related  
24 Dementia Research Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to

1 fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies deposited  
2 to the credit of the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit  
3 of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended  
4 by the State Department of Health for the purposes listed in Section  
5 5 of this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon  
6 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
7 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
8 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

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

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

20 D. Information on the awardee, project, and dollars awarded  
21 shall be included in the annual report as defined in paragraph 9 of  
22 Section 5 of this act.  
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1       SECTION 7.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified

2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.10 of Title 63, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury, subject to  
5 the availability of funds, a revolving fund for the State Department  
6 of Health's Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia  
7 Resource Coordination to be designated the Dementia Caregiver  
8 Support Group and Education Program Development Fund. The Dementia  
9 Caregiver Support Group and Education Program Development Fund shall  
10 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and  
11 shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit of the fund by  
12 law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
13 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State  
14 Department of Health's Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related  
15 Dementia Resource Coordination for the purpose of providing funds  
16 for the Dementia Caregiver Support Group and Education Program  
17 Development Fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon  
18 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
19 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
20 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

21       B. The Dementia Support and Education Program Development Fund  
22 shall be administered by the State Department of Health's Office of  
23 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Resource Coordination. The  
24 awards shall be made through an awards committee of five (5)

1 members, facilitated by the dementia services manager consisting of  
2 representatives from the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia  
3 State Plan writing committee.

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

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

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

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

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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