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SENATE BILL 345

By: Senators Hill, K. Hammer, C. Penzo, *Irvin*
By: Representatives J. Mayberry, Crawford, Painter

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE POSITION OF DEMENTIA SERVICES
COORDINATOR WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE POSITION OF DEMENTIA
SERVICES COORDINATOR WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 43, Subchapter 9, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-43-905. Dementia services coordinator.

(a) The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services shall establish a Dementia Services Coordinator as a full-time position.

(b) The Dementia Services Coordinator shall:

(1) Evaluate the coordination of dementia services within this state;

(2) Coordinate information resources affecting Arkansans living with dementia and their caregivers, including without limitation:

(A) Use dementia-related data to coordinate ways to improve public health outcomes and service delivery of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia;

(B) Establish and maintain relationships with other



agencies, providers, and organizations within the State in order to meet the needs of affected populations and prevent the duplication of services;

(C) Support the provision of dementia-specific staff training across all relevant state agencies, including law enforcement, the Department of Human Services, and other organizations; and

(D) Recommend strategies to improve coordination of dementia related services and resources provided by public and private entities;

(3) Streamline all applicable state government services to increase efficiency and improve the quality of care in residential and home- and community-based settings;

(4) Identify:

(A) Any duplicated services; and

(B) Grant opportunities to expand the scope of services for persons living with dementia and their caregivers and apply for the grant opportunities;

(5) Complete other duties relevant to supporting policy development and implementation to enhance the quality of life for persons affected by dementia and their caregivers;

(6) Promote public and professional awareness and education of dementia and access to needed services and programs; and

(7) Collect and monitor data concerning the impact of dementia in Arkansas.

/s/Hill

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