

# **ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## *Preliminary Report*

**Presented to the  
Senate and House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees**

**October 10, 2016**



# ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Act 92 of 2009

Arkansas Code §20-8-601 - 20-8-604

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*MEMBERSHIP: The Alzheimer's Advisory Council consists of twenty-three (23) members appointed in the following manner:*

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## **FINDINGS**

The Arkansas General Assembly finds that:

- (1) Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and fatal brain disease that destroys brain cells and causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior;
- (2) More than five million four hundred thousand (5,400,000) Americans now have Alzheimer's disease;
- (3) Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and
- (4) No cure exists for Alzheimer's disease, but treatments for symptoms used in conjunction with appropriate services and support can improve the quality of life for those living with the disease.

## **CHARGE TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Alzheimer's Advisory Council shall:

- (1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia on the residents of the State of Arkansas;
- (2) Examine the existing industries, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and caregivers; and
- (3) Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the public health crisis created by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

## Advisory Council Meetings Held and Items Discussed

### July 6, 2016

- Presentation on New App Concerning Silver Alert Notification
  - Mr. Jessie Hays, Russellville, Arkansas

### August 23, 2016

- Discussion on the Impact of Alzheimer's Disease on Families
  - Ms. Ashley Wilcox, Caregiver, Smackover, Arkansas
  - Mr. Todd Whatley, Attorney, Elder Law, Springdale, Arkansas
- Presentation Concerning the Clinical Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease
  - Dr. Mark Pippenger, Neurologist, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
- Presentation Concerning Alzheimer's Disease Research
  - Dr. Steve Barger, Professor of Geriatrics, Neurobiology and Developmental Science, UAMS
- Presentation from Arkansas State Police Concerning Procedures for Silver Alerts
  - Captain Steven Coppinger, Criminal Investigation Division, Arkansas State Police (ASP)

### September 7, 2016

- Discussion from Agencies Concerning Programs and Funding Available for Alzheimer's Disease
  - Dr. Becky Adams, Director, Partnership and Policy Support, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)
  - Mr. Craig Cloud, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS)
  - Mr. Jay Hill, Director, Arkansas Health Center
  - Dr. Megan Edwards, Clinical Director, Arkansas Health Center

### September 22, 2016

- Discussion Concerning Statewide Programs Available for Alzheimer's Patients and Caregivers
  - Ms. Rachel Davis, Executive Director, Arkansas Health Care Association
  - Dr. Angela Norman, Associate Director, Arkansas Aging Initiative / Education
  - Ms. Robin LeGuin, Director, Alzheimer's Care, Courtyard Gardens Health and Rehabilitation

## 2016 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FACT AND FIGURES (Provided by Arkansas Alzheimer's Association)

- Alzheimer's is not just memory loss – Alzheimer's kills
- Alzheimer's Disease is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States
- Alzheimer's is the only disease among the top 10 causes of death in America that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed
- 1 in 3 seniors die with Alzheimer's or another dementia
- It kills more than breast and prostate cancer combined
- More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's
- Every 60 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's
- Alzheimer's cost caregivers more than their time
- In 2015, more than 15 million caregivers provided an estimated 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care
- Family caregivers spend more than \$5,000 a year caring for someone with Alzheimer's; for some families this means missing a vacation, but for others, it means going hungry
- The growing Alzheimer's crisis is helping to bankrupt Medicare
  - In 2016, the direct cost to American society of caring for those with Alzheimer's will total an estimated \$236 billion, with just under half of the costs borne by Medicare
  - Nearly one in every five Medicare dollars is spent on people with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In 2050, it will be in every three dollars
  - Average per person Medicare spending for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias is three times higher than average per-person spending across all other seniors. Medicaid payments are 19 times higher
  - Unless something is done, in 2050, Alzheimer's will cost \$1.1 trillion (in 2016 dollars). Costs to Medicare will increase 365 percent to \$589 billion

## LEGISLATION

Arkansas Code §20-8-601 - 20-8-604

- Act 92 of 2009 - Established the Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Arkansas
- Act 889 of 2011 - Established the Alzheimer's Advisory Council
- Act 1510 of 2013 - Expanded the membership from 17 to 23 members



Subchapter 6  
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Arkansas Code §20-8-601 - 20-8-604

**20-8-601. Findings.**

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- (3) Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and
- (4) No cure exists for Alzheimer's disease, but treatments for symptoms used in conjunction with appropriate services and support can improve the quality of life for those living with the disease.

*History. Acts 2011, No. 889, § 1; 2013, No. 1510, § 1.*

*Amendments. The 2013 amendment substituted "five million four hundred thousand (5,400,000)" for "five million (5,000,000)" in (2).*

**20-8-602. Alzheimer's Advisory Council — Creation — Membership.**

(a) There is created the Alzheimer's Advisory Council, to consist of twenty-three (23) members as follows:

- (1) Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:
  - (A) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives;
  - (B) One (1) member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease;
  - (C) One (1) member to represent the healthcare provider community; and
  - (D) One (1) member to represent the adult day services industry;
- (2) Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as follows:
  - (A) Two (2) members of the Senate;
  - (B) One (1) member who is a paid caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease;
  - (C) One (1) member to represent the assisted living industry; and
  - (D) One (1) member who is a scientist who specializes in Alzheimer's disease research;

(3) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

- (A) One (1) member who is a physician caring for persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease;
- (B) One (1) member to represent the nursing facility industry;
- (C) One (1) member who is a person active in the state chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and
- (D) One (1) member who is a person active in the Alzheimer's Arkansas Programs and Services; and

(4) Nine (9) members as follows:

- (A) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her designee;
- (B) The Director of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;
- (C) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health Services or his or her designee;
- (D) The Director of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement or his or her designee;
- (E) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services or his or her designee; and
- (F) Four (4) members appointed by the state chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to represent Arkansas families that have been affected by Alzheimer's disease.

(b) Members of the council shall be appointed by September 1, 2011.

- (c) (1) Members of the council shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities.
- (2) A vacancy on the council shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

- (d) (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a co-chair from among the members of the council.
- (2) The co-chairs shall jointly call the first meeting of the council.

- (e) (1) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum.
- (2) A majority vote of the members present is required for any action of the council.

(f) Council meetings shall be held in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and at other locations in the state as the council shall deem necessary.

(g) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff support to the council as necessary to assist the council in the performance of its duties.

- (h) Legislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of the interim committees.

*History. Acts 2011, No. 889, § 1; 2013, No. 1510, § 2.*

Amendments. The 2013 amendment substituted “twenty-three (23)” for “seventeen (17)” in (a); “Five (5)” for “Four (4)” in (a)(1) and (a)(2); “Two (2) members” for “One (1) member” in (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(A); substituted “healthcare” for “health care” in (a)(1)(C); in (a)(3)(A), substituted “physician caring for persons diagnosed” for “family member of a person living” and deleted “or other form of dementia” from the end; substituted “Nine (9)” for “Five (5)” in (a)(4); and added (a)(4)(F).

**20-8-603. Duties.**

The Alzheimer's Advisory Council shall:

- (1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia on the residents of the State of Arkansas;
- (2) Examine the existing industries, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and caregivers; and
- (3) Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the public health crisis created by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

*History. Acts 2011, No. 889, § 1; 2013, No. 1510, § 3.*

Amendments. The 2013 amendment deleted the (a) designation from the beginning of the introductory paragraph; and deleted (b).

**20-8-604. Reports.**

The Alzheimer's Advisory Council shall present a draft of assessments and recommendations for meeting the Alzheimer's disease needs in the State of Arkansas to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or before October 1 of each even-numbered year.

*History. Acts 2011, No. 889, § 1; 2013, No. 1510, § 4.*

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 92 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009  
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As Engrossed: H1/16/09

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1014

5 By: Representatives D. Creekmore, Allen, M. Burris, B. Wilkins, Breedlove, Gaskill, D. Hutchinson,  
6 Moore, Powers, Reep, J. Roebuck, Saunders, Stewart, *Adcock, Cole, Dunn, Garner, R. Green, Kerr,*  
7 *Lovell, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Pennartz, Pyle, L. Smith*  
8 By: Senators Horn, Broadway, Faris, P. Malone, T. Smith, *Teague*  
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11 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

12 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE ON THE EFFECT  
13 OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.  
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16 **Subtitle**

17 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE ON  
18 THE EFFECT OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN  
19 ARKANSAS.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Findings.

25 The General Assembly finds that:

26 (1) Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and fatal brain disease  
27 that destroys brain cells and causes problems with memory, thinking, and  
28 behavior;

29 (2) More than five million (5,000,000) Americans now have  
30 Alzheimer's disease;

31 (3) Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and  
32 is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and

33 (4) No cure exists for Alzheimer's disease, but treatments for  
34 symptoms used in conjunction with appropriate services and support can  
35 improve the quality of life for those living with the disease.



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2 SECTION 2. Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Arkansas  
3 -- Created -- Membership.

4 (a) There is created the Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's  
5 Disease in Arkansas to consist of *seventeen (17)* members as follows:

6 (1) Four (4) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives as follows:

8 (A) One (1) member of the House of Representatives;

9 (B) One (1) member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's  
10 disease;

11 (C) One (1) member to represent the health care provider  
12 community; and

13 (D) One (1) member to represent the adult day services  
14 industry;

15 (2) Four (4) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
16 the Senate as follows:

17 (A) One (1) member of the Senate;

18 (B) One (1) member who is a paid caregiver of a person  
19 with Alzheimer's disease;

20 (C) One (1) member to represent the assisted living  
21 industry; and

22 (D) One (1) member who is a scientist who specializes in  
23 Alzheimer's research;

24 (3) *Four (4)* members appointed by the Governor as follows:

25 (A) One (1) member who is a family member of a person  
26 living with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia;

27 (B) One (1) member to represent the nursing facility  
28 industry;

29 (C) One (1) member who is a person active in the state  
30 chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and

31 (D) *One (1) member who is a person active in the state*  
32 *chapter of Alzheimer's Arkansas Programs and Services; and*

33 (4) *Five (5)* members as follows:

34 (A) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her  
35 designee;

36 (B) The Director of the Department of Human Services or

1 his or her designee;

2 (C) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of  
3 the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;

4 (D) The Director of the Arkansas Center for Health  
5 Improvement or his or her designee; and

6 (E) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services  
7 or his or her designee.

8 (b) The members of the task force shall be appointed by June 30, 2009.

9 (c)(1) Members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of their  
10 appointing authorities.

11 (2) A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original  
12 appointing authority.

13 (d)(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
14 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a co-chair from among the  
15 members of the task force.

16 (2) The cochairs shall jointly call the first meeting of the  
17 task force.

18 (e) A majority vote of the members present is required for any action  
19 of the task force.

20 (f) Task force meetings shall be held in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and  
21 at other locations in the state as the task force shall deem necessary.

22 (g) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff support to  
23 the task force as necessary to assist the task force in the performance of  
24 its duties.

25 (h) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for  
26 expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided  
27 by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of the interim  
28 committees.

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30 SECTION 3. Duties.

31 (a) The Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Arkansas  
32 shall:

33 (1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease  
34 and other types of dementia on the residents of the State of Arkansas;

35 (2) Examine the existing industries, services, and resources  
36 addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their

1 families, and caregivers; and

2 (3) Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the  
3 public health crisis created by Alzheimer's disease and other types of  
4 dementia.

5 (b) The task force shall include the following in its assessments and  
6 recommendations:

7 (1) Statewide trends in the number of persons living with  
8 Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and the needs of those  
9 persons;

10 (2) The state's role in providing long-term care, family  
11 caregiver support, and other forms of assistance to persons with early-stage  
12 and younger onset of Alzheimer's disease;

13 (3) State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
14 developmental disabilities;

15 (4) Existing services, resources, and capacity, including  
16 without limitation:

17 (A) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services;

18 (B) The dementia-specific training requirements for long-  
19 term care staff;

20 (C) Quality care measures for residential care facilities;

21 (D) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement  
22 agencies to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease;

23 (E) The availability of home-based and community-based  
24 resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease, including the availability of  
25 respite care for families;

26 (F) An inventory of long-term care dementia care units;

27 (G) The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-  
28 psychiatric units for persons with behavioral disorders associated with  
29 Alzheimer's and related dementia;

30 (H) The assisted living residential options for persons  
31 with dementia; and

32 (I) State support for Alzheimer's research; and

33 (5) Needed state policies or responses, including without  
34 limitation:

35 (A) Directions for the provision of clear and coordinated  
36 services and supports for persons and families living with Alzheimer's and

1 related disorders; and

2 (B) Strategies for addressing identified gaps in services.

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4 SECTION 4. Reports.

5 (a) The Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Arkansas  
6 shall present a draft of assessments and recommendations for meeting the  
7 Alzheimer's disease needs in the State of Arkansas to the House and Senate  
8 Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or before October  
9 25, 2010.

10 (b) The task force shall issue a final report of its assessments and  
11 recommendations for meeting the Alzheimer's disease needs in the State of  
12 Arkansas to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health,  
13 Welfare, and Labor and the Governor on or before January 15, 2011.

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15 SECTION 5. The Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in  
16 Arkansas shall expire on January 15, 2011.

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18 */s/ D. Creekmore*

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20 **APPROVED: 2/11/2009**



1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2011

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1843

4  
5 By: Representative B. Wilkins

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL;  
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

12 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ALZHEIMER'S  
13 ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

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17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 8 is amended to add an  
18 additional subchapter to read as follows:

19 Subchapter 6 – Alzheimer's Advisory Council

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21 20-8-601. Findings.

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9 caregiver support, and other forms of assistance to persons with early-stage  
10 and younger onset of Alzheimer's disease;

11 (3) State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
12 developmental disabilities;

13 (4) Existing services, resources, and capacity, including  
14 without limitation:

15 (A) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services;

16 (B) The dementia-specific training requirements for long-  
17 term care staff;

18 (C) Quality care measures for residential care facilities;

19 (D) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement  
20 agencies to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease;

21 (E) The availability of home-based and community-based  
22 resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease, including the availability of  
23 respite care for families;

24 (F) An inventory of long-term care dementia care units;

25 (G) The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric  
26 psychiatric units for persons with behavioral disorders associated with  
27 Alzheimer's and related dementia;

28 (H) The assisted living residential options for persons  
29 with dementia; and

30 (I) State support for Alzheimer's research; and

31 (5) Needed state policies or responses, including without  
32 limitation:

33 (A) Directions for the provision of clear and coordinated  
34 services and supports for persons and families living with Alzheimer's and  
35 related disorders; and

36 (B) Strategies for addressing identified gaps in services.

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20-8-604. Reports.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2199

5 By: Representatives Gillam, B. Wilkins  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REGARDING THE ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL;  
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

12 AN ACT REGARDING THE ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY  
13 COUNCIL.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-8-601(2), concerning the Alzheimer's*  
20 *Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:*

21 *(2) More than ~~five million (5,000,000)~~ five million four hundred*  
22 *thousand (5,400,000) Americans now have Alzheimer's disease;*  
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24 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-8-602(a), concerning the membership of*  
25 *the Alzheimer's Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:*

26 *(a) There is created the Alzheimer's Advisory Council to consist of*  
27 *~~seventeen (17)~~ twenty-three (23) members as follows:*

28 *(1) ~~Four (4)~~ Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the*  
29 *House of Representatives as follows:*

30 *(A) ~~One (1) member~~ Two (2) members of the House of*  
31 *Representatives;*

32 *(B) One (1) member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's*  
33 *disease;*

34 *(C) One (1) member to represent the health care provider*  
35 *community; and*

36 *(D) One (1) member to represent the adult day services*



1 *industry;*

2 (2) ~~Four (4)~~ Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Senate as follows:

4 (A) ~~One (1) member~~ Two (2) members of the Senate;

5 (B) One (1) member who is a paid caregiver of a person  
6 with Alzheimer's disease;

7 (C) One (1) member to represent the assisted living  
8 industry; and

9 (D) One (1) member who is a scientist who specializes in  
10 Alzheimer's research;

11 (3) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

12 (A) One (1) member who is a ~~family member of a person~~  
13 living physician caring for persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease ~~or~~  
14 ~~other form of dementia~~;

15 (B) One (1) member to represent the nursing facility  
16 industry;

17 (C) One (1) member who is a person active in the state  
18 chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and

19 (D) One (1) member who is a person active in the state  
20 chapter of Alzheimer's Arkansas Programs and Services; and

21 (4) ~~Five (5)~~ Nine (9) members as follows:

22 (A) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her  
23 designee;

24 (B) The Director of the Department of Human Services or  
25 his or her designee;

26 (C) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of  
27 the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;

28 (D) The Director of the Arkansas Center for Health  
29 Improvement or his or her designee; ~~and~~

30 (E) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services  
31 or his or her designee; and

32 (F) Four (4) members appointed by the state chapter of the  
33 Alzheimer's Association to represent Arkansas families that have been  
34 affected by Alzheimer's disease.

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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-8-603 is amended to read as follows:

1           20-8-603. *Duties.*

2           ~~(a) The Alzheimer's Advisory Council shall:~~

3                   (1) *Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease*  
4 *and other types of dementia on the residents of the State of Arkansas;*

5                   (2) *Examine the existing industries, services, and resources*  
6 *addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their*  
7 *families, and caregivers; and*

8                   (3) *Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the*  
9 *public health crisis created by Alzheimer's disease and other types of*  
10 *dementia.*

11           ~~(b) The council shall include the following in its assessments and~~  
12 ~~recommendations:~~

13                   ~~(1) Statewide trends in the number of persons living with~~  
14 ~~Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and the needs of those~~  
15 ~~persons;~~

16                   ~~(2) The state's role in providing long-term care, family~~  
17 ~~caregiver support, and other forms of assistance to persons with early-stage~~  
18 ~~and younger-onset of Alzheimer's disease;~~

19                   ~~(3) State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease and~~  
20 ~~developmental disabilities;~~

21                   ~~(4) Existing services, resources, and capacity, including~~  
22 ~~without limitation:~~

23                           ~~(A) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services;~~

24                           ~~(B) The dementia-specific training requirements for long-~~  
25 ~~term care staff;~~

26                           ~~(C) Quality care measures for residential care facilities;~~

27                           ~~(D) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement~~  
28 ~~agencies to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease;~~

29                           ~~(E) The availability of home-based and community-based~~  
30 ~~resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease, including the availability of~~  
31 ~~respite care for families;~~

32                           ~~(F) An inventory of long-term care dementia care units;~~

33                           ~~(G) The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric~~  
34 ~~psychiatric units for persons with behavioral disorders associated with~~  
35 ~~Alzheimer's and related dementia;~~

36                           ~~(H) The assisted living residential options for persons~~



1 ~~with dementia; and~~  
2 ~~(I) State support for Alzheimer's research; and~~  
3 ~~(5) Needed state policies or responses, including without~~  
4 ~~limitation:~~  
5 ~~(A) Directions for the provision of clear and coordinated~~  
6 ~~services and supports for persons and families living with Alzheimer's and~~  
7 ~~related disorders; and~~  
8 ~~(B) Strategies for addressing identified gaps in services.~~

10 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 20-8-604 is amended to read as follows:

11 20-8-604. Reports.

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13 and recommendations for meeting the Alzheimer's disease needs in the State of  
14 Arkansas to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the  
15 Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or before October 1  
16 of each even-numbered year.

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