

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2199

By: Representatives Gillam, B. Wilkins

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT REGARDING THE ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT REGARDING THE ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY
COUNCIL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-8-601(2), concerning the Alzheimer's Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:

(2) More than ~~five million (5,000,000)~~ five million four hundred thousand (5,400,000) Americans now have Alzheimer's disease;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-8-602(a), concerning the membership of the Alzheimer's Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

(A) ~~One (1) member~~ 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 health care provider community; and

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



industry;

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

(A) ~~One (1) member~~ 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 research;

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

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

(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 state chapter of Alzheimer's Arkansas Programs and Services; and

(4) ~~Five (5)~~ 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 of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;

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

(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.

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

*20-8-603. Duties.**(a) 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.*~~*(b) The council shall include the following in its assessments and recommendations:*~~~~*(1) Statewide trends in the number of persons living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and the needs of those persons;*~~~~*(2) The state's role in providing long-term care, family caregiver support, and other forms of assistance to persons with early-stage and younger-onset of Alzheimer's disease;*~~~~*(3) State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease and developmental disabilities;*~~~~*(4) Existing services, resources, and capacity, including without limitation:*~~~~*(A) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services;*~~~~*(B) The dementia-specific training requirements for long-term care staff;*~~~~*(C) Quality care measures for residential care facilities;*~~~~*(D) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement agencies to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease;*~~~~*(E) The availability of home-based and community-based resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease, including the availability of respite care for families;*~~~~*(F) An inventory of long-term care dementia care units;*~~~~*(G) The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric psychiatric units for persons with behavioral disorders associated with Alzheimer's and related dementia;*~~~~*(H) The assisted living residential options for persons*~~

~~with dementia; and~~

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

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

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

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

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

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.

/s/Gillam