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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1267

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOURS OF
DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR HOME CAREGIVERS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOURS OF
DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR HOME CAREGIVERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2303(b)(3), concerning home caregiver training requirements, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, has successfully completed a caregiver training course addressing the following core competencies approved by the Department of Health, including not less than forty (40) hours of training in:

- (A) Body functions;
- (B) Body mechanics and safety precautions;
- (C) Communication skills;
- (D) ~~Dementia and Alzheimer's disease~~ At least four (4)

hours of the forty (40) required hours covering Alzheimer's disease and dementia, including:

- (i) Communication skills;
- (ii) Problem-solving with challenging behaviors;
- (iii) Assistance with daily living; and
- (iv) Explanation of Alzheimer's disease and other



dementia;

(E) Emergency situations, including recognition of conditions and proper procedures;

(F) Household safety and fire prevention;

(G) Infection control and prevention, including maintaining a safe and clean working environment;

(H) Ethical considerations and state law regarding delegation of nursing tasks to unlicensed personnel;

(I) Nutrition;

(J) At least sixteen (16) hours of the forty (40) required hours covering physical skills and competent demonstration of such skills for:

(i) Ambulation;

(ii) Basic housekeeping procedures, including laundry skills;

(iii) Bathing, shampooing, and shaving;

(iv) Dressing and undressing;

(v) Meal preparation and clean up;

(vi) Oral hygiene;

(vii) Range of motion;

(viii) Toileting; and

(ix) Transfer techniques;

(K) Record keeping and documentation of activities;

(L) Role of caregiver in a healthcare team; and

(M) Nail and skin care.