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3 By Senator Albritton
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to public health; to authorize the
12 Department of Public Health to provide education and services
13 regarding care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease,
14 dementia, or related diseases to those individuals, their
15 families, and the general public; to repeal Sections 22-50-70,
16 22-50-71, 22-50-72, 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama
17 1975, to remove the responsibility and authority to do so from
18 the Department of Mental Health; and to provide for funding.
19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
21 as the Alabama Alzheimer's and Dementia Education, Care and
22 Training Act.

23 Section 2. The purposes of this act are:

24 (1) To enable Alabamians with Alzheimer's disease,
25 dementia, or related diseases to live with dignity in their
26 homes or community for as long as possible.

1 (2) To develop services that follow individuals with
2 Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related diseases and
3 maintain their independence in the community.

4 (3) To provide appropriate services for Alabamians
5 with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related diseases
6 residing in both rural and urban settings.

7 (4) To emphasize and implement cost-efficient,
8 low-technology, high-yield services that can currently benefit
9 thousands of Alabama citizens.

10 (5) To allow Alabamians to pay for services based on
11 their individual resources.

12 Section 3. (a) Subject to Section 5, the Department
13 of Public Health is authorized to develop educational programs
14 and services concerning Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and
15 related diseases. These programs and services shall be offered
16 to individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related
17 diseases, the families of these individuals, and the general
18 public.

19 (b) (1) The department may provide instructors to
20 train and provide support to each of the following:

21 a. Members of the families of individuals with
22 Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar diseases.

23 b. Health care providers who provide care for
24 individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar
25 diseases at the home of the individual or a member of the
26 family of the individual, or a similar residential location.

1 c. Other caregivers who provide care for individuals
2 with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar diseases at the
3 home of the affected individual or a member of the family of
4 the individual, or similar residential location.

5 (2) These instructors may provide technical
6 assistance, training, support, and advice that will accomplish
7 both of the following:

8 a. Encourage the providing of long-term care for
9 such individuals in the home of the individual, or a member of
10 the family of the individual, or a similar residential
11 location.

12 b. Reduce health care costs to the state, the family
13 of the affected individual, and health care facilities.

14 Section 4. The Department of Public Health may adopt
15 rules to implement this act.

16 Section 5. (a) The Legislature is authorized to
17 appropriate funding to establish and implement the
18 requirements of this act and to maintain the programs and
19 services required by this act.

20 (b) The Department of Public Health is authorized to
21 implement the requirements of this act to the extent funding
22 is provided.

23 (c) The department may accept gifts, grants, and
24 donations offered in support of the services established by
25 this act.

26 (d) The department may assess reasonable fees from
27 recipients of the services provided by this act, if the

1 recipient is able to pay for the services. If the recipient is
2 able to pay a portion of a fee, the department shall collect
3 that portion from the recipient. All fees collected shall
4 be used by the department for the purposes of this act.

5 Section 6. Sections 22-50-70, 22-50-71,
6 22-50-72, 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama 1975,
7 relating to dementia education and training, are repealed.

8 Section 7. This act shall become effective on
9 October 1, 2019, following its passage and approval by the
10 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 30
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