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3 By Senator Albritton  
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to public health; to authorize the  
6 Department of Public Health to provide education and services  
7 regarding care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease,  
8 dementia, or related diseases to those individuals, their  
9 families, and the general public; to repeal Sections 22-50-70,  
10 22-50-71, 22-50-72, 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama  
11 1975, to remove the responsibility and authority to do so from  
12 the Department of Mental Health; and to provide for funding.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited  
15 as the Alabama Alzheimer's and Dementia Education, Care and  
16 Training Act.

17 Section 2. The purposes of this act are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24           c. Other caregivers who provide care for individuals  
25 with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar diseases at the

1 home of the affected individual or a member of the family of  
2 the individual, or similar residential location.

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

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

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

12 Section 4. The Department of Public Health may adopt  
13 rules to implement this act.

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

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

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

24 (d) The department may assess reasonable fees from  
25 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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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
Passed: 30-MAY-19

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