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HOUSE BILL DRH30285-MG-124

Short Title: Update Strategic State Plan for Alzheimer's. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Buansi.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
3 DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, TO UPDATE THE STRATEGIC  
4 STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS (THE  
5 DEMENTIA-CAPABLE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PLAN) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY  
6 FOUR YEARS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-181.1 reads as rewritten:

9 "§ 143B-181.1. **Division of Aging and Adult Services.** – creation, powers and duties.

10 (a) There is hereby created within the office of the Secretary of the Department of Health  
11 and Human Services a Division of ~~Aging~~, Aging and Adult Services, which shall have the  
12 following functions and duties:

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14 (13) To develop a strategic State plan for Alzheimer's ~~disease~~, disease and related  
15 dementias, which shall be known as the Dementia-Capable North Carolina  
16 State Plan. By January 1, 2025, and quadrennially thereafter, the Division of  
17 Aging and Adult Services shall update and submit the plan to the General  
18 Assembly. The plan shall address ways to improve at least all of the following  
19 with respect to Alzheimer's ~~disease~~:disease and related dementias:

- 20 a. Statewide awareness and education.
- 21 b. Early detection and diagnosis.
- 22 c. Care coordination.
- 23 d. Quality of care.
- 24 e. Health care system capacity.
- 25 f. Training for health care professionals.
- 26 g. Access to treatment.
- 27 h. Home- and community-based services.
- 28 i. Long-term care.
- 29 j. Caregiver assistance.
- 30 k. Research.
- 31 l. Brain health.
- 32 m. Data collection.
- 33 n. Public safety and safety-related needs of individuals with Alzheimer's  
34 ~~disease~~, disease and related dementias.
- 35 o. Legal protections for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and  
36 related dementias, and their caregivers.



- 1 p. State policies to assist individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related
- 2 dementias, and their families.
- 3 ...."
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Throughout the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace
- 5 the phrase "Division of Aging" with the phrase "Division of Aging and Adult Services."
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.