

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/CS/HB 473 — Alzheimer's Disease

by Health and Human Services Committee; Health and Human Services Access Subcommittee; Rep. Hudson; and others (CS/CS/CS/SB 682 by Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Appropriations; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; and Senators Richter, Sachs, Latvala, Joyner, Bennett, Gibson, and Dockery)

This bill creates the Purple Ribbon Task Force within the Department of Elderly Affairs to develop a comprehensive state plan to address the needs of individuals who have Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia [hereinafter referred to as Alzheimer's disease] and their family caregivers.

The purpose of the task force is to: assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on Florida; examine the existing industries, services, and resources in place that address the needs of individuals who have Alzheimer's disease; examine the needs of persons of all cultural backgrounds having Alzheimer's disease; develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the Alzheimer's disease epidemic; hold public meetings; and provide additional information.

The task force shall consist of 18 culturally diverse members appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (President), and the Speaker of the House of Representatives (Speaker). The task force must submit an interim study to the Governor, President, and Speaker by January 30, 2013, regarding state trends with respect to individuals who have Alzheimer's disease, as well as a report and recommendations for an Alzheimer's disease state strategy by August 1, 2013.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 119-0