

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/CS/HB 449 — Alzheimer's Disease

by Health and Human Services Committee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; and Reps. Willhite, Plakon, and others (CS/SB 860 by Appropriations Committee and Senators Stargel and Gibson)

The bill revises the membership of the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee (Committee) and requires the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) to collect and report pertinent information on the impact of Alzheimer's disease in Florida. The bill:

- Adds five members to the Committee, increasing the total membership to 15 members;
- Authorizes the Governor to appoint 11 members, and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint two members each;
- Adds a first responder, a sitting member of the Senate, a sitting member of the House of Representatives, a citizen appointed by the President of the Senate, and a citizen appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Committee;
- Requires the Committee to submit a report annually by September 1st to the Governor and Legislature that includes information and recommendations on Alzheimer's disease policy, state-funded efforts relating to Alzheimer's disease, and updates to the Alzheimer's disease state plan;
- Requires the DOEA to update the Alzheimer's disease state plan triennially beginning on or before November 1, 2020; and
- Establishes a memory disorder clinic at Miami Jewish Health Systems.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2019.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 114-0