

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

**CS/SB 806 — Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Forms of Dementia
Education and Public Awareness**

by Appropriations Committee and Senators Perry and Stewart

The bill creates s. 381.825, F.S., to establish the “Ramping up Education of Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia for You (READY) Act.” The bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to use preexisting, relevant public health and community outreach programs to educate medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, and nurses on Alzheimer’s disease and dementia-related disorders. Specifically, the bill requires the DOH to provide education on the following topics:

- The importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.
- Using a validated cognitive assessment tool.
- The value and effectiveness of the Medicare annual wellness visit in detecting Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.
- Using Medicare advance care planning billing codes for persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.
- Reducing the risk of cognitive decline, particularly among persons in diverse communities who are at greater risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 113-0