

**Committee on Children, Families,  
And Elder Affairs**

**CS/HB 835 — Alzheimer’s Disease**

by Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee and Reps. Willhite, Plakon, and others  
(SB 1542 by Senators Stargel and Gibson)

The bill creates the position of Dementia Director within the Department of Elder Affairs to coordinate the state’s policies and programs for addressing Alzheimer’s disease. The director is to assist the Alzheimer’s Disease Advisory Committee with the development of the Alzheimer’s disease state plan, support the state’s memory disorder clinics, facilitate public education on Alzheimer’s disease, coordinate dementia research programs, and collect data on the impact of Alzheimer’s disease on the state. The bill updates the name of the memory disorder clinic in Orlando to AdventHealth. The bill also makes a minor change to the funding formula for respite care. Under the bill, the department must consider the number of persons 70 or older, rather than 75 or older, in each county when distributing funding for respite care.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 118-0*