

By Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia-
3 related disorders awareness; creating s. 381.825,
4 F.S.; providing a short title; requiring the
5 Department of Health, in collaboration with the
6 Department of Elderly Affairs and the Alzheimer's
7 Association, to develop and disseminate information
8 relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related
9 disorders to certain health care practitioners for a
10 specified purpose; specifying minimum requirements for
11 such information; requiring the department to
12 encourage health care providers to display the
13 information in their facilities and discuss specified
14 information with patients 60 years of age or older;
15 requiring the department to post specified information
16 on its website; authorizing the department to fund
17 certain mobile and virtual outreach programs under
18 certain circumstances; requiring the department to
19 collaborate with other agencies and organizations to
20 create a systematic approach to increasing public
21 awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related
22 disorders; providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26 Section 1. Section 381.825, Florida Statutes, is created to
27 read:

28 381.825 Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders
29 awareness.-

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30 (1) This section may be cited as the "Ramping up Education
31 of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia for You (READY) Act."

32 (2) The Department of Health, in collaboration with the
33 Department of Elderly Affairs and the Alzheimer's Association,
34 shall use existing, relevant public health and community
35 outreach programs to develop and disseminate information to
36 health care practitioners licensed under chapters 458, 459, and
37 464 to educate them on and increase their understanding and
38 awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders.
39 This information must cover, at a minimum, all of the following:

40 (a) The importance of early detection and timely diagnosis
41 of cognitive impairment.

42 (b) Use of a validated cognitive assessment tool.

43 (c) The value of Medicare annual wellness visits for
44 cognitive health.

45 (d) Use of the Medicare billing code for advance care
46 planning for individuals with cognitive impairment.

47 (e) Methods to detect early warning signs of Alzheimer's
48 disease and dementia-related disorders.

49 (f) Methods to reduce the risk of cognitive decline,
50 particularly among individuals in diverse communities who are at
51 greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and dementia-
52 related disorders.

53 (3) The department shall encourage health care providers,
54 including, but not limited to, hospitals, county health
55 departments, physicians, nurses, and rural health centers, to
56 display the information specified in subsection (2) in their
57 facilities and discuss the risks of Alzheimer's disease and
58 dementia-related disorders with patients 60 years of age or

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59 older.

60 (4) The department shall post on its website the
61 information specified in subsection (2), links to any additional
62 resources, and links to the Centers for Disease Control and
63 Prevention web pages that have information on Alzheimer's
64 disease and dementia-related disorders.

65 (5) The department, using any federal or state funds
66 appropriated for the purpose, may fund mobile and virtual
67 outreach programs that prioritize those in underserved
68 communities and may provide information on issues relating to
69 Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders, including,
70 but not limited to, brain health, risk education, and early
71 detection and diagnosis. These programs may also provide
72 referrals to the Department of Elderly Affairs and include links
73 to any available resources relating to Alzheimer's disease or
74 dementia-related disorders.

75 (6) The department shall collaborate with other agencies
76 and organizations to create a systematic approach to increasing
77 public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related
78 disorders.

79 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.