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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to an awareness program for
3 Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders;
4 creating s. 430.5016, F.S.; requiring the Department
5 of Elderly Affairs to contract for the development and
6 implementation of the Alzheimer's Disease Awareness
7 Program; providing requirements for the program;
8 providing requirements for the entity with which the
9 department contracts for the development and
10 implementation of the program; requiring the
11 Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee to evaluate the
12 program and make certain recommendations; providing an
13 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 430.5016, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 430.5016 Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Program.—

20 (1) The Department of Elderly Affairs shall contract for
21 the development and implementation of the Alzheimer's Disease
22 Awareness Program. The program shall assist the residents of
23 this state affected by Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related
24 disorders in obtaining information that is validated by
25 reputable national research.

26 (2) The program must, at a minimum:

27 (a) Include a website and other related electronic
28 resources that address:

29 1. The advantages of early detection and diagnosis;

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30 2. Methods for reducing risk factors;

31 3. The importance of brain health;

32 4. Scheduling screenings and assessments for Alzheimer's
33 disease and dementia-related disorders with a licensed health
34 care provider;

35 5. Healthy aging;

36 6. Recent developments in Alzheimer's research and
37 dementia-related disorders and the availability of clinical
38 trials;

39 7. Community resources available for those affected by
40 Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders; and

41 8. Any related topics as deemed appropriate by the
42 department.

43 (b) Use the department's Alzheimer's Disease and Related
44 Dementias Resource Guide as a part of the program materials.

45 (c) Promote health care provider education in partnership
46 with the Department of Health to help improve care and services
47 for patients with Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related
48 disorders in accordance with s. 381.825.

49 (d) Include print and digital advertising.

50 (e) Include a statewide, mobile, in-person outreach program
51 that prioritizes those in underserved communities and provides
52 information on issues relating to Alzheimer's disease and
53 dementia-related disorders, including, but not limited to, brain
54 health, risk education, and early detection and diagnosis. The
55 program may also provide referrals to the Department of Elderly
56 Affairs and provide information regarding any available
57 community resources relating to Alzheimer's disease or dementia-
58 related disorders.

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59 (3) (a) The entity with which the department contracts for
60 the development and implementation of the program must be a
61 statewide nonprofit organization that meets all of the following
62 requirements:

63 1. Has a history of focusing on those affected by
64 Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders and their
65 care and support, including providing online resources to
66 caregivers and people living with the disease and through
67 community-based events.

68 2. Has the organizational capacity to manage a statewide
69 program and successfully carry out the requirements of this
70 section.

71 (b) The entity shall collaborate with other relevant state
72 agencies and private organizations to develop and implement the
73 program.

74 (4) The Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee shall
75 annually evaluate and make recommendations to the Department of
76 Elderly Affairs and the Legislature concerning the need for
77 future funding for the Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Program as
78 a part of its annual report.

79 Section 2. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the sum of \$1.5
80 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
81 Revenue Fund to the Department of Elderly Affairs for the
82 purpose of administering the Alzheimer's Disease Awareness
83 Program pursuant to s. 430.5016, Florida Statutes.

84 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.