

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 493 (2025)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services  
Committee

Representative Redondo offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 96 and 97, insert:

**Section 3. Section 430.71, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:**

430.71 Florida Alzheimer's Center of Excellence.-

(1) (a) PURPOSE AND INTENT.-The purpose of this section  
is to assist and support persons with Alzheimer's disease or  
related forms of dementia and their caregivers by connecting  
them with resources in their communities to address two primary  
goals:

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15        1. To allow residents of this state living with  
16 Alzheimer's disease or related forms of dementia to age in  
17 place.

18        2. To empower family caregivers to improve their own  
19 well-being.

20        (2) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

21        (a) "Center" means the Florida Alzheimer's Center for  
22 Excellence.

23        (b) "Department" means the Department of Elderly Affairs.

24        (3) POWERS AND DUTIES.-

25        (a) There is created within the department the Florida  
26 Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, which shall be responsible to  
27 assist in improving the quality of care for persons living with  
28 Alzheimer's disease or related forms of dementia and improved  
29 quality of life for family caregivers. The center may contract  
30 for services necessary to implement this section. The center  
31 shall:

32        1. Conduct caregiver assessments to measure caregiver  
33 burden.

34        2. Create personalized plans that guide caregivers to  
35 community resources, empowering them with the skills, education,  
36 support, and planning necessary for effective caregiving,  
37 including addressing any medical, emotional, social, legal or  
38 financial challenges experienced by the person with Alzheimer's  
39 disease or a related form of dementia.

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40       3. Educate and assist caregivers with strategies for  
41 caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's disease or a related  
42 form of dementia and provide guidance on all aspects of home-  
43 based care, including home safety, physical and mental health,  
44 legal and financial preparedness, communication skills and  
45 hands-on care techniques.

46       4. Provide online educational resources for caregivers.

47       5. Track outcomes, including but not limited to,  
48 decreased hospitalizations, reduced emergency department visits,  
49 reduction in falls, and reduction in caregiver burnout.

50       6. By December 1 each year, submit a report to the  
51 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
52 House of Representatives. The report must address the number of  
53 families served, the types of services provided, and the  
54 outcomes achieved.

55       (b) The center shall work with the Area Agencies on Aging;  
56 the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee established under s.  
57 430.501; the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative established under  
58 ss. 430.501-430.504; the state-funded memory disorder clinics  
59 established under s. 430.502; the department's Dementia Care and  
60 Cure Initiative task forces; universities; hospitals; and other  
61 available community resources to ensure full use of the state's  
62 infrastructure.

63       (4) ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES.-

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64        (a) To qualify for assistance from the center, an  
65        individual or caregiver must meet all of the following criteria:

66        1. At least one person in the household is a caregiver  
67        for a person diagnosed with, or suspected to have, Alzheimer's  
68        disease or a related form of dementia.

69        2. The caregiver or the person diagnosed with, or  
70        suspected to have, Alzheimer's disease or a related form of  
71        dementia, is a resident of this state.

72        3. The person seeking assistance has the goal of  
73        providing in-home care for the person diagnosed with, or  
74        suspected to have, Alzheimer's disease or a related form of  
75        dementia.

76        (b) If the person seeking assistance meets the criteria in  
77        paragraph (a), the center may provide assistance to the  
78        caregiving family, subject to the availability of funds and  
79        resources.

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84        **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

85        Between lines 14 and 15, insert:

86        Creating s. 430.71, F.S.; providing purpose and  
87        legislative intent for the Florida Alzheimer's Center  
88        of Excellence; providing definitions; providing duties

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89 | of the center; providing eligibility requirements for  
90 | services; providing effective dates.