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# A Bill

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SENATE BILL 345

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE POSITION OF DEMENTIA SERVICES  
10 COORDINATOR WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE POSITION OF DEMENTIA  
16 SERVICES COORDINATOR WITHIN THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 43, Subchapter 9, is  
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 25-43-905. Dementia services coordinator.

25 (a) The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services of  
26 the Department of Human Services shall establish a Dementia Services  
27 Coordinator as a full-time position.

28 (b) The Dementia Services Coordinator shall:

29 (1) Evaluate the coordination of dementia services within this  
30 state;

31 (2) Coordinate information resources affecting Arkansans living  
32 with dementia and their caregivers, including without limitation:

33 (A) Use dementia-related data to coordinate ways to  
34 improve public health outcomes and service delivery of persons with  
35 Alzheimer's disease or related dementia;

36 (B) Establish and maintain relationships with other



1 agencies, providers, and organizations within the State in order to meet the  
2 needs of affected populations and prevent the duplication of services;

3 (C) Support the provision of dementia-specific staff  
4 training across all relevant state agencies, including law enforcement, the  
5 Department of Human Services, and other organizations; and

6 (D) Recommend strategies to improve coordination of  
7 dementia related services and resources provided by public and private  
8 entities;

9 (3) Streamline all applicable state government services to  
10 increase efficiency and improve the quality of care in residential and home-  
11 and community-based settings;

12 (4) Identify:

13 (A) Any duplicated services; and

14 (B) Grant opportunities to expand the scope of services  
15 for persons living with dementia and their caregivers and apply for the grant  
16 opportunities;

17 (5) Complete other duties relevant to supporting policy  
18 development and implementation to enhance the quality of life for persons  
19 affected by dementia and their caregivers;

20 (6) Promote public and professional awareness and education of  
21 dementia and access to needed services and programs; and

22 (7) Collect and monitor data concerning the impact of dementia  
23 in Arkansas.

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25 */s/Hill*

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28 **APPROVED: 4/11/23**