Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1267

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By: Representatives J. Mayberry, Gramlich, Ladyman
By: Senators C. Penzo, Hill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOURS OF
DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR HOME CAREGIVERS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOURS OF
DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR HOME CAREGIVERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2303(b)(3), concerning home caregiver training requirements, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, has successfully completed a caregiver training course addressing the following core competencies approved by the Department of Health, including not less than forty (40) hours of training in:

(A) Body functions;
(B) Body mechanics and safety precautions;
(C) Communication skills;
(D) Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease At least four (4)

hours of the forty (40) required hours covering Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, including:

(i) Communication skills;
(ii) Problem-solving with challenging behaviors;
(iii) Assistance with daily living; and
(iv) Explanation of Alzheimer’s disease and other
dementia;
(E) Emergency situations, including recognition of conditions and proper procedures;
(F) Household safety and fire prevention;
(G) Infection control and prevention, including maintaining a safe and clean working environment;
(H) Ethical considerations and state law regarding delegation of nursing tasks to unlicensed personnel;
(I) Nutrition;
(J) At least sixteen (16) hours of the forty (40) required hours covering physical skills and competent demonstration of such skills for:
   (i) Ambulation;
   (ii) Basic housekeeping procedures, including laundry skills;
   (iii) Bathing, shampooing, and shaving;
   (iv) Dressing and undressing;
   (v) Meal preparation and clean up;
   (vi) Oral hygiene;
   (vii) Range of motion;
   (viii) Toileting; and
   (ix) Transfer techniques;
(K) Record keeping and documentation of activities;
(L) Role of caregiver in a healthcare team; and
(M) Nail and skin care.

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