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A Bill

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) Provide support for:

32 (A) The development and implementation of the Arkansas
33 Alzheimer's and Dementia State Plan; and

34 (B) The Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council
35 in the drafting, implementation, and evaluation of the Alzheimer's and
36 Dementia State Plan, and other reports;



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

3 (A) Use dementia-related data to coordinate ways to
4 improve public health outcomes and service delivery of persons with
5 Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia;

6 (B) Establish and maintain relationships with other
7 agencies, providers, and organizations within the State in order to meet the
8 needs of affected populations and prevent the duplication of services;

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

12 (D) Recommend strategies to improve coordination of
13 dementia related services and resources provided by public and private
14 entities;

15 (4) Streamline all applicable state government services to
16 increase efficiency and improve the quality of care in residential and home-
17 and community-based settings;

18 (5) Identify:

19 (A) Any duplicated services; and

20 (B) Grant opportunities to expand the scope of services
21 for persons living with dementia and their caregivers and apply for the grant
22 opportunities;

23 (6) Complete other duties relevant to supporting policy
24 development and implementation to enhance the quality of life for persons
25 affected by dementia and their caregivers;

26 (7) Promote public and professional awareness and education of
27 dementia and access to needed services and programs; and

28 (8) Collect and monitor data concerning the impact of dementia
29 in Arkansas.

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