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Act No. 113 (S.206). Health; Alzheimer’s Disease and related disorders

An act relating to planning and support for individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer’s Disease and related disorders

This act adds the Executive Director of the Blueprint for Health or designee to the Commission on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders (Commission). It also replaces the member of the Commission representing the business community with a member representing hospitals. The act specifies that members appointed to the Commission by the Governor must “have direct expertise or experience working with or caring for individuals impacted by Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders, expertise in clinical and medical research on Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders, or knowledge of health systems and policies to equitably address Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.” It further requires the Commission to submit a report containing recommendations to achieve a dementia-capable workforce and to improve provider response to Alzheimer’s Disease and other related disorders.

This act requires the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living to include individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders in the State Plan on Aging and specifically address:

- home-based care or placements and hospital and long-term care placements and transitions to and from care in home, hospital, and long-term care settings;
- support and education for families and caregivers; and
- strategies to promote affordable and accessible long-term care and home- and community-based services to individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.

This act requires the Departments of Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living to develop and maintain public education materials on Alzheimer’s Disease and related disorders for patients, families, caregivers, and health care providers. It also requires the Agency of Human Services to submit a plan to the General Assembly on funding a permanent Alzheimer’s Disease Coordinator position to be shared between the Departments.

Lastly, this act requires the Department of Public Safety to submit a report to the General Assembly containing recommendations regarding broadcasting

information on missing persons with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders or cognitive disabilities to aid in locating those individuals.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2022