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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an Alzheimer's disease task force.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE.
1 2 1. The Alzheimer's disease task force is established. The
1 3 task force shall consist of the following members:
1 4 a. The joint chairpersons of the legislative health and
1 5 human services appropriations subcommittee and the chairs of
1 6 the human resources standing committees of the senate and the
1 7 house of representatives.
1 8 b. The following members appointed by the governor:
1 9 (1) One person with Alzheimer's disease.
1 10 (2) One caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease.
1 11 (3) A representative of the nursing facility industry.
1 12 (4) A representative of the assisted living industry.
1 13 (5) A representative of the adult day services industry.
1 14 (6) A representative of the health care provider
1 15 community.
1 16 (7) A person who conducts Alzheimer's disease research.
1 17 (8) A representative of the Alzheimer's association.
1 18 c. The director, or the director's designee, of each of
1 19 the following agencies:
1 20 (1) The department of elder affairs.
1 21 (2) The department of human services.
1 22 (3) The department of public health.
1 23 (4) The department of workforce development.
1 24 (5) The department of inspections and appeals.
1 25 2. The department of elder affairs shall convene the task
1 26 force and provide necessary administrative support for the
1 27 task force.
1 28 3. The task force shall assess the current and future
1 29 impact of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders on the
1 30 residents of the state; examine the existing industries,
1 31 services, and resources addressing the needs of persons with
1 32 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders, their families, and
1 33 their caregivers; and develop a strategy to mobilize a state
1 34 response to this public health crisis.
1 35 4. The task force shall include an examination of the
2 1 following in its assessment and recommendations:
2 2 a. Trends in the state's population of persons with
2 3 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders and the needs of such
2 4 persons including but not limited to:
2 5 (1) The state role in long-term care, family caregiver
2 6 support, and assistance to persons with early-stage and early
2 7 onset of Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.
2 8 (2) State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's
2 9 disease or related disorders.
2 10 b. Existing services, resources, and capacity including
2 11 but not limited to:
2 12 (1) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services.
2 13 (2) Dementia-specific training requirements for long-term
2 14 care staff.
2 15 (3) Quality care measures for residential care facilities.
2 16 (4) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement
2 17 agencies to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease or
2 18 related disorders.
2 19 (5) The availability of home and community-based resources

2 20 for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders and
2 21 respite care to assist families.

2 22 (6) An inventory of long-term care dementia care units.

2 23 (7) The adequacy and appropriateness of
2 24 geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior
2 25 disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related
2 26 dementia.

2 27 (8) Assisted living residential options for persons with
2 28 dementia.

2 29 (9) State support of research of Alzheimer's disease and
2 30 related disorders through the state's institutions of higher
2 31 education and other resources.

2 32 c. Needed state policies or responses including but not
2 33 limited to directions for the provision of clear and
2 34 coordinated services and support to persons and families
2 35 living with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders, and
3 1 strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

3 2 5. All meetings of the task force shall comply with
3 3 chapter 21 and the task force shall utilize technological
3 4 means, such as webcasts, to gather feedback on its discussions
3 5 and recommendations from persons and families affected by
3 6 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and from the general
3 7 public.

3 8 6. The task force shall submit a report of its findings
3 9 and date-specific recommendations to the general assembly and
3 10 the governor in the form of a state Alzheimer's disease and
3 11 related disorders plan by January 1, 2008. The task force
3 12 shall be dissolved upon the submission of the plan.

3 13 EXPLANATION

3 14 This bill establishes an Alzheimer's disease task force.
3 15 The department of elder affairs is to convene the task force
3 16 and provide administrative support for the task force. The
3 17 task force is to consist of legislative members, persons
3 18 living with and affected by Alzheimer's disease,
3 19 representatives of various types of health care facilities and
3 20 health care providers, an Alzheimer's disease researcher, a
3 21 representative of the Alzheimer's association, and the
3 22 directors, or their designees, of the departments of elder
3 23 affairs, human services, public health, workforce development,
3 24 and inspections and appeals.

3 25 The task force is directed to assess the current and future
3 26 impact of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders on
3 27 residents of the state; examine the existing industries,
3 28 services, and resources addressing the needs of persons with
3 29 Alzheimer's or related disorders, their families, and
3 30 caregivers; and develop a strategy to mobilize a state
3 31 response to the public health crisis. The task force is to
3 32 submit a state Alzheimer's disease and related disorders plan
3 33 to the general assembly and the governor by January 1, 2008,
3 34 and shall be dissolved upon submitting the plan.

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