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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Alzheimer's and related dementias including
2 establishing an advisory council and developing and
3 implementing an Iowa Alzheimer's and related dementias state
4 plan.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.172 Iowa Alzheimer's and
2 related dementias state plan — advisory council.

3 1. The department shall establish a multidisciplinary
4 advisory council to develop an Iowa Alzheimer's and related
5 dementias state plan including an implementation timeline that
6 ensures the state has a coordinated, ongoing, state-specific
7 response to Alzheimer's and related dementias. The department
8 shall provide administrative support to the council.

9 2. The multidisciplinary advisory council shall include all
10 of the following members:

11 a. The director of health and human services, or the
12 director's designee.

13 b. The executive director of the Alzheimer's association,
14 Iowa chapter, or the executive director's designee.

15 c. The chairperson of the commission on aging, or the
16 chairperson's designee.

17 d. The executive director of the Iowa association of area
18 agencies on aging, or the executive director's designee.

19 e. The executive director of the Iowa public health
20 association, or the executive director's designee.

21 f. The following members appointed by the governor chosen
22 for their expertise or experience in one of the following
23 fields:

24 (1) A provider of residential, health care, or personal care
25 services to persons living with dementia.

26 (2) A social gerontologist or clinical researcher working
27 in an educational or clinical setting with expertise in
28 dementia.

29 (3) An advocate with a nonprofit organization whose role
30 is to improve services for older adults or those living with
31 dementia.

32 (4) A medical professional with an active practice
33 specializing in geriatrics, neurology, or other field closely
34 related to dementia.

35 (5) A caregiver, current or past, for a family member with

1 dementia who has experience navigating health care service
2 options.

3 (6) A person who has been diagnosed with dementia.

4 3. a. The members appointed by the governor shall serve
5 terms of two years. If an appointee resigns or is otherwise
6 unable to complete the appointed term, the governor shall
7 appoint a new member whose expertise or experience satisfies
8 the vacated position.

9 b. The advisory council shall elect a chairperson annually
10 from the membership of the council. The advisory council
11 shall meet at least quarterly and at such additional times as
12 necessary to perform its duties. The advisory council shall
13 also meet on the call of the chairperson.

14 c. The members of the council shall be reimbursed for actual
15 and necessary travel and related expenses incurred in the
16 discharge of official duties. Each member of the council may
17 also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section
18 7E.6.

19 4. The advisory council shall do all of the following:

20 a. Develop an Iowa Alzheimer's and related dementias state
21 plan that, at a minimum, addresses the areas of research and
22 data, workforce development and retention, service delivery,
23 public safety, outreach and partnerships, policy, and funding,
24 and that incorporates the work that was funded by a federal
25 Building our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer's
26 Act grant to build, sustain, and grow public health capacity to
27 address Alzheimer's, dementia, cognitive health, and dementia
28 caregiving across the state.

29 b. Review and make recommendations regarding progress
30 toward the goals of the state plan and progress in implementing
31 resources and services to serve persons with dementia-related
32 diseases around Iowa in the future. Such review and
33 recommendations shall include but not be limited to the
34 following:

35 (1) Examining current laws, rules and regulations, and

1 policies of the various agencies that interact with services
2 for persons with dementia and making recommendations to improve
3 the navigation of and provision of care services for persons
4 with dementia and their caregivers.

5 (2) Proposing legislative or administrative changes to
6 policies and programs needed for furtherance of the state plan.

7 (3) Examining available state and federal funding and
8 determining how to ensure the most efficient and effective use
9 of available resources to fund the state plan.

10 (4) Locating and assisting departments or partner agencies
11 in applying for new funding sources and new opportunities in
12 furtherance of the goals of the state plan.

13 c. Beginning January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter,
14 submit a report to the governor and the general assembly
15 summarizing, for the prior year, the work of the advisory
16 council, the progress made on implementing the state plan, and
17 any recommendations including any amendments to the state plan.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill relates to Alzheimer's and related dementias.
22 The bill requires the department of health and human services
23 (HHS) to establish a multidisciplinary advisory council
24 to develop an Iowa Alzheimer's and related dementias state
25 plan including an implementation timeline that ensures the
26 state has a coordinated, ongoing, state-specific response
27 to Alzheimer's and related dementias. The department shall
28 provide administrative support to the council.

29 The bill specifies the membership of the multidisciplinary
30 advisory council including all of the following or a designee:
31 the director of HHS, the executive director of the Alzheimer's
32 association, the chairperson of the commission on aging,
33 the executive director of the Iowa association of area
34 agencies on aging, and the executive director of the Iowa
35 public health association. The advisory council members

1 also include all of the following appointed by the governor
2 chosen for their expertise or experience in one of the
3 following fields: a provider of residential, health care,
4 or personal care services to persons living with dementia;
5 a social gerontologist or clinical researcher working in an
6 educational or clinical setting with expertise in dementia; an
7 advocate with a nonprofit organization whose role is to improve
8 services for older adults or those living with dementia; a
9 medical professional with an active practice specializing
10 in geriatrics, neurology, or other field closely related to
11 dementia; a caregiver, current or past, for a family member
12 with dementia who has experience navigating health care service
13 options; and a person who has been diagnosed with dementia.

14 The bill provides the details of membership and
15 organization, and for the frequency of meetings of the council.

16 The bill specifies the duties of the council including
17 developing an Iowa Alzheimer's and related dementias state
18 plan incorporating the work that was funded by a federal
19 Building our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer's
20 Act grant to build, sustain, and grow public health capacity
21 to address Alzheimer's, dementia, cognitive health, and
22 dementia caregiving across the state; reviewing and making
23 recommendations regarding progress toward the goals of the
24 state plan and progress in implementing resources and services
25 to serve persons with dementia-related diseases around Iowa
26 in the future, including: examining current laws, rules
27 and regulations, and policies of the various agencies that
28 interact with services for persons with dementia and making
29 recommendations to improve the navigation of and provision of
30 care services for persons with dementia and their caregivers;
31 proposing legislative or administrative changes to policies and
32 programs needed for furtherance of the state plan; examining
33 available state and federal funding and determining how to
34 ensure the most efficient and effective use of available
35 resources to fund the state plan; and locating and assisting

1 departments or partner agencies in applying for new funding
2 sources and new opportunities in furtherance of the goals of
3 the state plan.

4 Beginning January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the
5 advisory council shall submit a report to the governor and the
6 general assembly summarizing, for the prior year, the work of
7 the advisory council, the progress made on implementing the
8 state plan, and any recommendations including any amendments
9 to the state plan.