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Introduced by:
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***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA
ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) There is established,
2 within the Department of Aging and Disability Services, an Alzheimer's
3 Disease and Dementia Advisory Council. The advisory council shall:

4 (1) Examine (A) the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease
5 or dementia in the state, (B) the services available to such persons and
6 their family caregivers, and (C) the ability of health care providers and
7 institutions to meet the needs of such persons; and

8 (2) Develop a State Alzheimer's Plan, which shall make findings and
9 recommendations regarding:

10 (A) State residents living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and
11 their service needs, including, but not limited to, (i) the state's role in
12 providing or facilitating long-term care, family caregiver support and
13 assistance to persons with early-stage and early-onset Alzheimer's
14 disease or dementia, (ii) state policies regarding persons living with

15 Alzheimer's disease or dementia, and (iii) the fiscal impact of
16 Alzheimer's disease and dementia on publicly funded health care
17 programs;

18 (B) Existing resources, services and capacity relating to the diagnosis
19 and care of persons living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia,
20 including, but not limited to, (i) the type, cost and availability of
21 dementia care services, (ii) the availability of health care providers who
22 can provide Alzheimer's disease or dementia-related services,
23 including, but not limited to, neurologists, geriatricians and direct care
24 workers, (iii) dementia-specific training requirements for public and
25 private employees who interact with persons living with Alzheimer's
26 disease or dementia, including, but not limited to, long-term care
27 providers, case managers, adult protective services employees and law
28 enforcement personnel and other first responders, (iv) home and
29 community-based services, including, but not limited to, respite care
30 services, (v) quality care measures for home and community-based
31 services and residential care facilities, and (vi) state-supported
32 Alzheimer's disease and dementia research conducted at higher
33 education institutions located in the state; and

34 (C) Policies and strategies that (i) increase public awareness of
35 Alzheimer's disease and dementia, (ii) educate health care providers to
36 increase early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and
37 dementia, (iii) improve health care services for persons living with
38 Alzheimer's disease or dementia, (iv) evaluate the capacity of the health
39 care system in meeting the growing number and needs of persons living
40 with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, (v) increase the number of health
41 care providers available to treat the growing aging population and
42 populations living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, (vi) improve
43 services provided in the home and community to delay and decrease
44 the need for institutionalized care for persons living with Alzheimer's
45 disease or dementia, (vii) improve long-term care services, including,
46 but not limited to, assisted living services for persons living with
47 Alzheimer's disease or dementia, (viii) assist unpaid Alzheimer's

48 disease and dementia caregivers, (ix) increase and improve research on
49 Alzheimer's disease and dementia, (x) promote activities to maintain
50 and improve brain health, (xi) improve data and information collection
51 relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia and the public health
52 burdens associated with such diseases, (xii) improve public safety and
53 address the safety-related needs of persons living with Alzheimer's
54 disease or dementia, (xiii) address legal protections for, and legal issues
55 faced by, persons living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, and (xiv)
56 improve methods through which the state evaluates and adopts policies
57 to assist persons living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

58 (b) The advisory council shall consist of the following members:

59 (1) Ten members appointed by the Governor, (A) one of whom shall
60 be a person living with early stage or early onset Alzheimer's disease or
61 dementia, (B) one of whom shall be a family caregiver of a person living
62 with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, (C) one of whom shall represent
63 a municipality that provides services to senior citizens, (D) one of whom
64 shall represent home health care agencies, (E) two of whom shall be
65 health care providers with experience diagnosing and treating
66 Alzheimer's disease, (F) one of whom shall represent a national
67 organization that advocates on behalf of persons living with
68 Alzheimer's disease or dementia, (G) one of whom shall represent the
69 area agencies on aging, established pursuant to section 17a-850 of the
70 general statutes, (H) one of whom shall represent long-term care
71 facilities, and (I) one of whom shall have expertise in aging policy issues;

72 (2) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
73 commissioner's designee;

74 (3) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
75 designee;

76 (4) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
77 designee; and

78 (5) The State Ombudsman, or the State Ombudsman's designee.

79 (c) All initial appointments to the advisory council shall be made not
80 later than January 1, 2026. Advisory council members first appointed
81 pursuant to subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of
82 subsection (b) of this section shall serve for a term of two years.
83 Advisory council members first appointed pursuant to subparagraphs
84 (E) to (I), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section
85 shall serve for a term of three years. Any subsequent advisory council
86 member appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this
87 section shall serve for a term of two years, or until such member's
88 successor is appointed. If the Governor determines that no suitable
89 successor candidate exists to appoint to the advisory council, the
90 Governor may reappoint an existing advisory council member for one
91 two-year term.

92 (d) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
93 commissioner's designee, shall convene the first meeting of the advisory
94 council not later than thirty days after all advisory council members are
95 appointed. At such meeting, the members of the advisory council shall
96 select a chairperson and vice chairperson from among the members of
97 the advisory council. The chairperson and vice chairperson may serve
98 in such roles not more than two consecutive years. The advisory council
99 shall meet not less than once every calendar quarter.

100 (e) The Department of Aging and Disability Services' dementia
101 services coordinator shall serve as administrative staff to the advisory
102 council.

103 (f) Not later than January 1, 2027, the advisory council shall submit a
104 report on the State Alzheimer's Plan to the Governor and, in accordance
105 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the joint
106 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
107 matters relating to aging, public health and human services regarding
108 the State Alzheimer's Plan. Such report shall include recommendations

109 for the implementation of the State Alzheimer's Plan and identify any
110 barriers to the implementation of such plan. The advisory council shall
111 update the State Alzheimer's plan every four years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]