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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 Relating to public health; to authorize the
4 Department of Public Health to provide education and services
5 regarding care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease,
6 dementia, or related diseases to those individuals, their
7 families, and the general public; to repeal Sections 22-50-70,
8 22-50-71, 22-50-72, 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama
9 1975, in order to remove the responsibility and authority to
10 do so from the Department of Mental Health; and to provide for
11 funding.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
14 as the ~~Dementia Education and Training Act~~ Alabama Alzheimer's
15 and Dementia Education, Care, and Training Act.

16 Section 2. The purposes of this act are:

17 (1) To enable Alabamians with Alzheimer's disease,
18 dementia, or related diseases to live with dignity in their
19 homes or community for as long as possible.

20 (2) To develop ~~an array of~~ services that follows
21 individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related
22 diseases and maintains their independence in the community.

23 (3) To provide appropriate services for Alabamians
24 with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related diseases
25 residing in both rural and urban settings.

1 (4) To emphasize and implement cost-efficient,
2 low-technology, high-yield services that can currently benefit
3 thousands of Alabama citizens.

4 (5) To allow Alabamians to pay for services based on
5 their individual resources.

6 Section 3. (a) Subject to Section 5, the Department
7 of Public Health ~~shall develop educational programs and an~~
8 ~~array of~~ is authorized to develop educational programs and
9 services concerning Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related
10 diseases. These programs and services shall be offered to
11 individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related
12 diseases, the families of these individuals, and the general
13 public.

14 (b) (1) The department ~~shall~~ may provide instructors
15 to train and provide support to each of the following:

16 a. Members of the families of individuals with
17 Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar diseases.

18 b. Health care providers who provide care for
19 individuals with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar
20 diseases at the home of the individual or a member of the
21 family of the individual, or a similar residential location.

22 c. Other caregivers who provide care for individuals
23 with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar diseases at the
24 home of the affected individual or a member of the family of
25 the individual, or similar residential location.

1 (2) These instructors ~~shall~~ may provide technical
2 assistance, training, support, and advice that will accomplish
3 both of the following:

4 a. Encourage the providing of long-term care for
5 such individuals in the home of the individual, or a member of
6 the family of the individual, or a similar residential
7 location.

8 b. Reduce health care costs to the state, the family
9 of the affected individual, and health care facilities.

10 Section 4. The Department of Public Health ~~shall~~ may
11 adopt rules to implement this act.

12 Section 5. (a) ~~The Legislature shall appropriate~~
13 ~~sufficient sums from the Education Trust Fund for each of the~~
14 ~~four fiscal years commencing with the fiscal year ending~~
15 ~~September 30, 2019, to establish and implement the~~
16 ~~requirements of this act. Thereafter, sufficient funding shall~~
17 ~~be annually appropriated by the Legislature to maintain the~~
18 ~~programs and services required by this act.~~

19 The Legislature is authorized to appropriate funding
20 to establish and implement the requirements of this act and to
21 maintain the programs and services required by this act.

22 (b) The Department of Public Health ~~shall~~ is
23 authorized to implement the requirements of this act to the
24 extent funding is provided.

1 (c) The department may accept gifts, grants, and
2 donations offered in support of the services established by
3 this act.

4 (d) The department may assess reasonable fees from
5 recipients of the services provided by this act, if the
6 recipient is able to pay for the services. If the recipient is
7 able to pay a portion of a fee, the department shall collect
8 that portion from the recipient. All fees collected shall be
9 used by the department for the purposes of this act.

10 Section 6. Sections 22-50-70, 22-50-71, 22-50-72,
11 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to
12 ~~domestic~~ dementia education and training, are repealed.

13 Section 7. This act shall become effective on ~~the~~
14 ~~first day of the third month~~ October 1, 2019, following its
15 passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise
16 becoming law.

