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By: ~~Senator Beidle~~ **Senators Beidle, Hester, Ellis, Gile, Griffith, Hayes, Hershey, Klausmeier, Kramer, Lam, Mautz, and Ready**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging – ~~Dementia Care Coordinator and Long-Term Care and~~**
3 **Dementia Care Navigation Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the position of Dementia Care Coordinator in the~~ requiring
5 the Department of Aging to oversee long-term care and dementia care navigation
6 programs; requiring each area agency to establish a long-term care and dementia
7 care navigation program; requiring the Department to publish a certain report on its
8 website; and generally relating to long-term care and dementia care and the
9 Department of Aging.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Human Services
12 Section 10–101(a) and (b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Human Services
17 Section 10–1301 through 10–1303 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13.
18 ~~Dementia Care Coordinator and Long-Term Care and Dementia Care~~
19 Navigation Programs”
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Human Services

10–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Area agency” means the local agency that the Department designates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to administer the delivery of a comprehensive and coordinated plan of social and other services and activities for seniors in a planning and service area.

**SUBTITLE 13. ~~DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR AND~~ LONG-TERM CARE AND
DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS.**

10–1301.

~~(A) THERE IS A DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR IN THE~~ THE
DEPARTMENT.

~~(B) THE DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR SHALL:~~

(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION ~~(C)~~ (B) OF THIS SECTION, OVERSEE AND
TRAIN THE STAFF OF LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION
PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) DISSEMINATE BEST PRACTICES AND COLLECT INTERACTION DATA
TO ENSURE STATEWIDE PROGRAM INTEGRITY; ~~AND~~

~~(3) (I) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND EACH OCTOBER 1
THEREAFTER, SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS
SUBTITLE; AND~~

~~(II) PUBLISH THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS
ITEM ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE.~~

~~(C)~~ (B) THE WORK OF THE ~~DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR AND THE~~
LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS UNDER THIS
SUBTITLE SHALL BE GUIDED BY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF:

(1) THE STATE PLAN ON AGING; AND

(2) THE VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 32 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE NUMBER OF DIRECT CONTACTS EACH LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM HAS WITH STATE RESIDENTS; AND

(II) THE RESULT OF EACH DIRECT CONTACT, INCLUDING:

1. THE PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS REFERRED TO SERVICE PROVIDERS;

2. THE NUMBER OF COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED;

3. THE NUMBER OF OUTREACH EVENTS CONDUCTED; AND

4. THE NUMBER OF STATE RESIDENTS CONTACTED THROUGH OUTREACH EVENTS.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

10-1302.

(A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH AREA AGENCY SHALL ESTABLISH A LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM.

(2) AN AREA AGENCY MAY STAFF THE PROGRAM FROM EXISTING RESOURCES OR HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE PROGRAM.

(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE DUTIES OF THE
LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM INCLUDE:

(1) PROVIDING ACCESS AND REFERRALS TO LONG-TERM CARE AND
CHRONIC DISEASE SERVICES;

(2) PROVIDING COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS ~~WITH~~
~~DEMENTIA~~ CONCERNED WITH THEIR COGNITION;

~~(2)~~ (3) PROVIDING PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS ~~WITH~~
~~DEMENTIA~~ IN WHO DEMONSTRATE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA THAT INTERFERE WITH
ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, REGULAR EXERCISE, AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES;

~~(3)~~ (4) PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS
~~WITH DEMENTIA, INCLUDING PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH CARE PLANNING AND~~
~~REFERRAL TO SUPPORT GROUPS~~ WHO DEMONSTRATE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA
THAT INTERFERE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING;

~~(4) CONSIDERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY
COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE CIVIC AWARENESS AND DEMENTIA-CAPABLE
EMERGENCY RESPONSE;~~

(5) CONSULTING WITH AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO
AREA AGENCY STAFF WHO INTERACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH:

(I) DEMENTIA DIAGNOSES; OR

(II) COGNITIVE CHANGES THAT MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH
DEMENTIA;

(6) ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
~~AND FACILITATING~~ TO FACILITATE CONTACT BETWEEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
AND:

(I) INDIVIDUALS ~~WITH DEMENTIA~~ WHO DEMONSTRATE
SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA THAT INTERFERE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING; AND

(II) CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS ~~WITH DEMENTIA~~ WHO
DEMONSTRATE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA THAT INTERFERE WITH ACTIVITIES OF
DAILY LIVING; AND

(7) PROVIDING ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE SERVICE.

(C) THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN §§ 10-307 AND 10-309 OF THIS TITLE.

10-1303.

(A) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,400,000 TO MANAGE THE LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS STATEWIDE AND TO FUND THE PROGRAMS LOCALLY.

(B) THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED PROPORTIONALLY TO EACH AREA AGENCY BASED ON A FORMULA DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT CONSIDERS THE NEEDS AND SIZE OF EACH JURISDICTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.