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HOUSE BILL NO. 272

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Alzheimer's state plan task force, with an expiration date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.115, to read as follows:

191.115. 1. There is hereby established in the department of health and senior services an "Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force". The task force shall consist of nineteen members, as follows:

(1) The lieutenant governor or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of the task force;

(2) The directors of the departments of health and senior services, social services, and mental health or their designees;

(3) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

(4) One member of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate;

(5) One member who has early-stage Alzheimer's or a related dementia;

(6) One member who is a family caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's or a related dementia;

(7) One member who is a licensed physician with experience in the diagnosis, treatment, and research of Alzheimer's disease;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[**thus**]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

(8) One member from the office of the state ombudsman for long-term care facility residents;

(9) One member representing the home care profession;

(10) One member representing residential long-term care;

(11) One member representing the adult day services profession;

(12) One member representing the insurance profession;

(13) One member representing the area agencies on aging;

(14) One member with expertise in minority health;

(15) One member who is a licensed elder law attorney;

(16) Two members from the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research.

2. The members of the task force, other than the lieutenant governor, members from the general assembly, and department directors, shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Members shall serve on the task force without compensation.

3. The task force shall:

(1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia on residents of the state of Missouri;

(2) Examine the existing services and resources addressing the needs of persons with dementia, their families, and caregivers; and

(3) Develop recommendations to respond to the escalating public health situation regarding Alzheimer's.

4. The task force shall include an examination of the following in its assessment and recommendations required to be completed under subsection 3 of this section:

(1) Trends in state Alzheimer's and related dementia populations and their needs, including but not limited to, the state's role in long-term care, family caregiver support, and assistance to persons with early-stage Alzheimer's, early onset of Alzheimer's, and individuals with Alzheimer's disease as a result of Down's Syndrome;

(2) Existing services, resources, and capacity, including but not limited to:

(a) Type, cost, and availability of services for persons with dementia, including home and community based resources, respite care to assist families, residential long-term care options, and adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer's and related dementia;

(b) Dementia-specific training requirements for individuals employed to provide care for persons with dementia;

(c) Quality care measure for services delivered across the continuum of care;

(d) Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to persons with Alzheimer's and related dementia;

(e) State support for Alzheimer's research through institutes of higher learning in Missouri;

(3) Needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and supports to persons and families living with Alzheimer's and related dementias and strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

5. The task force shall hold a minimum of one meeting at four diverse geographic regions in the state of Missouri during the calendar year to seek public input.

6. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and date-specific recommendations to the general assembly and the governor in the form of a state Alzheimer's plan no later than November 15, 2010, as part of Alzheimer's disease awareness month.

7. The task force shall continue to meet at the request of the chair and at a minimum of one time annually for the purpose of evaluating the implementation and impact of the task force recommendations and provide annual supplemental reports on the findings to the governor and the general assembly.

8. The provisions of this section shall expire on November 1, 2012.

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