



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

PRINTERS NO. 1830

PRIME SPONSOR: Lewis DelRosso

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1082, Printer's Number 1830, establishes the freestanding Early Detection and Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or a Related Disorder Act. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 1082 requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish and maintain an Early Detection and Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or a Related Disorder toolkit, which shall provide the following:

- Best practices and cognitive assessment tools, including the use of appropriate diagnostics, to assist the primary care workforce in the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and care planning for individuals with Alzheimer's disease.
- Primary care workforce education resources, including:
  - The importance and value of early detection and timely diagnosis.
  - Increasing understanding and awareness of early signs and symptoms.
  - Person-centered care delivery.
  - Cultural competency.
  - Use of validated cognitive assessment tools to detect cognitive decline as part of the annual Medicare Wellness Visit or other annual physical examination.
  - Effective care planning, including treatment options, support and services, long-term care options, financial planning, advanced directives, and care coordination, at all stages of dementia, including appropriate counseling and referral.

DOH shall review and update the information in the toolkit annually.

The bill requires DOH to coordinate and integrate the toolkit across health care sectors, including the following:

- Managed care programs administered through the Department of Human Services.
- Academic research institutions.
- State medical centers.
- Federally qualified health centers.
- Associations representing physicians and medical students in Pennsylvania.
- Organizations representing the advancement of health care and family physicians.

- Organizations representing the advancement of nurse practitioners, health care professionals, and health care organizations.
- Organizations representing underserved communities which may be disproportionately impacted by Alzheimer's disease.
- Any other public or private organization or entity that DOH deems necessary.

The bill requires DOH to make the following information available on DOH's publicly accessible website and incorporate it into existing relevant public health outreach programs:

- Understanding cognitive decline, including understanding the difference between normal cognitive aging and dementias.
- Early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease.
- The benefits of early detection and diagnosis.
- Importance of discussing cognition with health care providers and tips on how to do so.
- Risk reduction behaviors to slow onset of cognitive impairment, particularly among diverse communities who are at greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** DOH has not indicated there will be a fiscal impact associated with enactment of this legislation.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*