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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 2, 2012

## AN ACT

1 Establishing the Alzheimer's Disease State Planning Committee  
2 within the Department of Aging; and providing for its powers  
3 and duties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania  
8 Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Act.

9 Section 2. Legislative findings.

10 The General Assembly finds that:

11 (1) Currently, Alzheimer's disease affects one in 12  
12 Pennsylvania families.

13 (2) To date, 31 states have either published or are in  
14 the process of writing an Alzheimer's disease plan.

1           (3) The Commonwealth needs to establish a planning  
2 committee within the Department of Aging to develop a State  
3 Alzheimer's Plan that will serve as a comprehensive blueprint  
4 for how the Commonwealth will address the growing Alzheimer's  
5 crisis.

6           (4) The planning process will charge State agencies,  
7 legislators, residential and community care providers,  
8 professional and family caregivers and persons with  
9 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders to work together to  
10 create a plan that addresses the Alzheimer's epidemic with a  
11 thoughtful, integrated and cost-effective approach.

12 Section 3. Definitions.

13       The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16       "Committee." The Alzheimer's Disease State Planning  
17 Committee established by this act.

18       "Department." The Department of Aging of the Commonwealth.

19       "Secretary." The Secretary of Aging of the Commonwealth.

20       "State plan." The Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease State  
21 Plan.

22 Section 4. Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease State Planning  
23 Committee.

24       (a) Establishment.--The Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease  
25 State Planning Committee is established in the department.

26       (b) Membership.--The committee shall consist of the  
27 following members:

28           (1) The chairman and minority chairman of the Aging and  
29 Youth Committee and the Public Health and Welfare Committee  
30 of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the

1 Aging and Older Adults Services Committee and the Health  
2 Committee of the House of Representatives.

3 (2) One person with Alzheimer's disease.

4 (3) One caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease.

5 (4) A representative of the nursing home industry.

6 (5) A representative of the assisted living industry.

7 (6) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PERSONAL CARE HOME INDUSTRY. ←

8 ~~(6)~~ (7) A representative of the adult day-care services ←  
9 industry.

10 ~~(7)~~ (8) A representative of the medical care provider ←  
11 community.

12 ~~(8)~~ (9) An Alzheimer's disease researcher. ←

13 ~~(9)~~ (10) A representative of a Statewide Alzheimer's ←  
14 association.

15 ~~(10)~~ (11) The secretary or a designee. ←

16 ~~(11)~~ (12) A representative from the Department of ←  
17 Health.

18 ~~(12)~~ (13) A representative from the Department of Public ←  
19 Welfare.

20 (14) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL AREA AGENCIES ON ←  
21 AGING.

22 (15) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOME CARE INDUSTRY.

23 (16) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOSPICE INDUSTRY.

24 (c) Appointments.--Except for members identified under  
25 subsection (b) (1), members of the committee shall be appointed  
26 by the Governor.

27 (d) Chair and administrative support.--The secretary shall  
28 chair the committee and provide necessary administrative support  
29 to the activities of the committee.

30 (E) COMPENSATION.--PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE ←

1 NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES.

2 Section 5. Powers and duties of committee.

3 (a) General rule.--The committee shall meet on a regular  
4 basis and shall have the following powers and duties:

5 (1) To assess the current and future impact of  
6 Alzheimer's disease on residents of this Commonwealth.

7 (2) To examine the existing industries, services and  
8 resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's  
9 disease, their families and caregivers.

10 (3) To develop a strategy to mobilize a State response  
11 to this public health crisis.

12 (4) To include an examination of the following in its  
13 assessment and recommendations:

14 (i) Trends in State Alzheimer's population and  
15 needs, including the changing population with dementia  
16 including, but not limited to:

17 (A) The Commonwealth's role in long-term care,  
18 family caregiver support and assistance to persons  
19 with early-stage and ~~early~~ YOUNGER onset of ←  
20 Alzheimer's disease.

21 (B) The Commonwealth's policy regarding persons  
22 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

23 (C) The surveillance of persons with Alzheimer's  
24 disease for purposes of having proper estimates of  
25 the number of persons in this Commonwealth with  
26 Alzheimer's disease.

27 (ii) Existing services, resources and capacity  
28 including, but not limited to:

29 (A) Type, cost and availability of Alzheimer's  
30 and related disorders services.

1 (B) Dementia-specific training requirements for  
2 long-term care staff.

3 (C) Quality care measures for long-term care  
4 facilities.

5 (D) Capacity of public safety and law  
6 enforcement to respond to persons with Alzheimer's  
7 disease.

8 (E) Availability of home and community-based  
9 resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease and  
10 respite care to assist families.

11 (F) Inventory of long-term care dementia care  
12 units.

13 (G) Adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-  
14 psychiatric units for persons with behavior disorders  
15 associated with Alzheimer's disease and related  
16 disorders.

17 (H) Assisted living residential options for  
18 persons with dementia.

19 (I) State support of Alzheimer's disease  
20 research through Pennsylvania colleges and  
21 universities and other resources.

22 (iii) Any needed State policies or responses  
23 including, but not limited to, directions for the  
24 provision of clear and coordinated services and supports  
25 to persons and families living with Alzheimer's disease  
26 and related disorders and strategies to address any  
27 identified gaps in services.

28 (b) Public meeting.--The committee shall hold public  
29 meetings and utilize technological means, such as web casts, to  
30 gather feedback on the recommendations from persons and families

1 affected by Alzheimer's disease and the general public.

2 (c) Report.--The committee shall submit a report on its  
3 findings and date-specific recommendations to the Governor and  
4 the General Assembly in the form of a Pennsylvania Alzheimer's  
5 Disease State Plan no later than one year after the effective  
6 date of this section.

7 Section 6. Expiration.

8 This act shall expire on the date that the report required by  
9 section 5(c) is submitted.

10 Section 7. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect immediately.