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House Bill 2575

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Heckert, Petitto, Worrell, Dittman, W. Clark, and
Hamilton

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Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §16-5R-9, relating to the establishment of a full-time Dementia Services
3 Director position.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5R. THE ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE STANDARDS ACT.

§16-5R-9. Establishment of a Dementia Services Director position.

1 The Department of Health shall establish a Dementia Services Director as a full-time,
2 permanent position.

3 In collaboration with relevant stakeholders and state agencies, the Dementia Services
4 Director shall:

5 (1) Coordinate implementation of the State Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Plan

6 (2) Evaluate the coordination of dementia services within this state;

7 (3) Streamline all applicable state government services to increase efficiency and improve
8 the quality of care in residential and home- and community-based settings;

9 (4) Identify:

10 (A) Any duplicated services; and

11 (B) Grant opportunities to expand the scope of services for persons living with dementia
12 and their caregivers and apply for the grant opportunities;

13 (5) Coordinate information and resources affecting West Virginians living with dementia
14 and their caregivers, including without limitation:

15 (A) Support the provision of dementia-specific staff training across all relevant state
16 agencies; and

17 (B) Recommend strategies to improve access to and coordination of dementia-related
18 services and resources provided by public and private entities.

19 (6) Complete other duties relevant to supporting policy development and implementation
20 to enhance the quality of life for persons affected by dementia and their caregivers;

- 21 (7) Promote public and professional awareness and education of dementia and access to
22 needed services and programs;
- 23 (8) Collect and monitor dementia-related data to coordinate ways to improve public
24 outcomes and service delivery; and
- 25 (9) Compile an annual report that is available on the Department's publicly accessible
26 website outlining implantation status of the state plan, funding through grant applications, and
27 office deliverables.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a Dementia Services Director as a full-time permanent position.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.