

**HOUSE BILL No. 2744**

By Committee on Children and Seniors

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1 AN ACT establishing the statewide Alzheimer's disease care plan task  
2 force; relating to membership; meetings; topics of study.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the statewide Alzheimer's  
6 disease care plan task force. The task force shall study and assess the  
7 current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on residents of Kansas,  
8 examine existing industries, services and resources addressing the needs of  
9 individuals with Alzheimer's disease and develop a strategy to mobilize a  
10 state response to the public health crisis created by Alzheimer's disease.

11 (b) The statewide Alzheimer's disease care plan task force shall  
12 consist of the following members jointly appointed by the president of the  
13 senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of  
14 representatives and the minority leader of the house of representatives,  
15 who shall consider any input received from the heart of America chapter of  
16 the Alzheimer's association in making the appointments:

17 (1) The chairperson of the house of representatives standing  
18 committee on children and seniors or the chairperson's designee;

19 (2) the ranking minority member of the house of representatives  
20 standing committee on children and seniors or the member's designee;

21 (3) the chairperson of the senate standing committee on public health  
22 and welfare or the chairperson's designee;

23 (4) the ranking minority member of the senate standing committee on  
24 public health and welfare or the members designee;

25 (5) one individual diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease;

26 (6) two caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease;

27 (7) one representative of the nursing facility industry;

28 (8) one representative of the assisted living industry;

29 (9) one representative of the adult day services industry;

30 (10) one representative of the medical care provider community;

31 (11) one Alzheimer's disease researcher;

32 (12) one representative of the Alzheimer's association;

33 (13) one representative from an aging consumer advocacy  
34 organization;

35 (14) one representative of law enforcement;

36 (15) the secretary for aging and disability services or the secretary's

1 designee;

2 (16) the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's  
3 designee; and

4 (17) the secretary of labor or the secretary's designee.

5 (c) (1) Members of the statewide Alzheimer's disease care plan task  
6 force shall be appointed no later than August 1, 2018. Any vacancy in the  
7 membership of the task force shall be filled by appointment in the manner  
8 prescribed in this section for the original appointment. Members shall all  
9 be residents of Kansas and represent all four congressional districts in  
10 Kansas.

11 (2) The task force may meet in an open meeting at any time in the  
12 statehouse upon the call of the chairperson or upon the request of a  
13 majority of the task force.

14 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum.  
15 Any action by the task force shall be by motion adopted by a majority of  
16 members present when there is a quorum.

17 (d) The statewide Alzheimer's disease care plan task force shall study,  
18 at a minimum, the following topics:

19 (1) Trends in state Alzheimer's disease and dementia population and  
20 needs, including, but not limited to:

21 (A) The state's role in long-term care, family caregiver support and  
22 assistance to individuals with early-stage and early-onset Alzheimer's  
23 disease;

24 (B) state policy regarding individuals with Alzheimer's disease and  
25 intellectual or developmental disability; and

26 (C) surveillance of individuals with Alzheimer's disease to gather  
27 accurate estimates of the number of individuals in Kansas with  
28 Alzheimer's disease;

29 (2) existing services, resources and capacity, including, but not  
30 limited to:

31 (A) Type, cost and availability of dementia services;

32 (B) dementia-specific training requirements for long-term care staff;

33 (C) quality care measures for long-term care facilities;

34 (D) capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to  
35 individuals with Alzheimer's disease;

36 (E) availability of home and community-based services and resources  
37 for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and respite care to assist families;

38 (F) inventory of long-term dementia care units;

39 (G) adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric psychiatric units for  
40 individuals with behavioral disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease  
41 and related dementia;

42 (H) assisted living residential options for individuals with dementia;  
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- 1 (l) state support of Alzheimer's disease research through state  
2 educational institutions and other resources; and
  - 3 (3) needed state policies or responses, including, but not limited to:
    - 4 (A) Directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and  
5 support to individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease and  
6 related disorders; and
    - 7 (B) strategies to address any identified gaps in services.
  - 8 (e) The statewide Alzheimer's disease care plan task force shall  
9 submit a report to the legislature and the governor prior to January 14,  
10 2019, that shall include the task force's findings and date-specific  
11 recommendations in the form of a state Alzheimer's plan.
  - 12 (f) Subject to approval by the legislative coordinating council, house  
13 of representatives and senate members of the statewide Alzheimer's  
14 disease care plan task force attending meetings of the task force shall be  
15 paid amounts provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.
  - 16 (g) Subject to approval by the legislative coordinating council, staff  
17 of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research department and  
18 the division of legislative administrative services shall provide assistance  
19 as may be requested by the statewide Alzheimer's disease care plan task  
20 force.
  - 21 (h) The provisions of this section shall expire on January 14, 2019.
- 22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
23 publication in the statute book.