

HB 704-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            **704-FN-A**

AN ACT                relative to caregiver respite and senior volunteer programs and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Wallner, Merr. 19; Rep. W. MacDonald, Rock. 16; Rep. Nagel, Belk. 6; Rep. McMahon, Rock. 17; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. McGough, Dist 11

COMMITTEE:          Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding the Alzheimer's disease and related disorder (ADRD) caregiver respite program, the foster grandparent program, the retired senior volunteer program, and the senior companions program.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT relative to caregiver respite and senior volunteer programs and making an appropriation therefor.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 Appropriation; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders; Caregiver Respite. For the  
2 purpose of funding the Alzheimer's disease and related disorders (ADRD) caregiver respite program,  
3 the sum of \$552,508 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of \$552,508 for the fiscal  
4 year ending June 30, 2027, are appropriated to the department of health and human services. The  
5 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not  
6 otherwise appropriated. These funds shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

7           2 Appropriations; Foster Grandparent Program, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and Senior  
8 Companion Program.

9           I. For the purpose of funding the foster grandparent program, the sum of \$100,000 for the  
10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
11 are appropriated to the department of health and human services. The governor is authorized to  
12 draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. These  
13 funds shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

14           II. For the purpose of funding the retired senior volunteer program (RSVP), the sums of  
15 \$180,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of \$180,000 for the fiscal year ending  
16 June 30, 2027, are appropriated to the department of health and human services. The department  
17 shall allocate the appropriation among the existing RSVP programs. The governor is authorized to  
18 draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. These  
19 funds shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

20           III. For the purpose of funding the senior companion program, the sum of \$30,000 for the  
21 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of \$30,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are  
22 appropriated to the department of health and human services. The governor is authorized to draw a  
23 warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. These funds  
24 shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

25           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

**HB 704-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	\$862,508	\$862,508	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$862,508	\$862,508	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill makes the following four appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services in the FY26/27 biennium:

- \$552,508 in each year for the Alzheimer's disease and related disorders respite program;
- \$100,000 in each year for the foster grandparent program;
- \$180,000 in each year for the senior volunteer grant program; and
- \$30,000 in each year for the senior companion program.

All appropriations are from state general funds.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

None