

SB 454-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

26-2023

05/06

SENATE BILL

454-FN

AN ACT

requiring the department of health and human services to update existing relevant public health outreach programs by incorporating information to aid public understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. Mandelbaum, Rock. 21

COMMITTEE:

Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to update existing relevant public health outreach programs by incorporating information to enhance understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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-Six

AN ACT requiring the department of health and human services to update existing relevant public health outreach programs by incorporating information to aid public understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Public Health Outreach;
2 Awareness of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after
3 paragraph XXVII the following new paragraph:

4 XXVII-a.(a) The commissioner shall direct the bureau of adult and aging services to
5 collaborate with the division of public health to update and incorporate into existing relevant public
6 health outreach programs the following information to aid people's understanding and awareness of
7 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias:

8 (1) Early signs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias that should be discussed
9 with health care professionals.

10 (2) The value of early detection and diagnosis.

11 (3) Steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

12 (b) The bureau of adult and aging services shall collaborate with the division of public
13 health to incorporate in existing relevant public health outreach programs information to educate
14 health care providers on:

15 (1) The importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment.

16 (2) Validated cognitive assessment tools.

17 (3) The value of a Medicare annual wellness visit for cognitive health.

18 (4) The Medicare care planning billing code for individuals with cognitive
19 impairment.

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

LBA
26-2023
10/23/25

**SB 454-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT requiring the department of health and human services to update existing relevant public health outreach programs by incorporating information to aid public understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Health and Human Services