

SB 454-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL

454-FN

AN ACT

relative to public health outreach by the department of health and human services regarding 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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to engage in certain public health outreach regarding Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to public health outreach by the department of health and human services regarding 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) Subject to available resources, the commissioner shall direct the bureau of adult
5 and aging services to collaborate with the division of public health to update and incorporate into
6 existing relevant public health outreach programs, the following information electronically to aid
7 people's understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and to improve
8 public health regarding:

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

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

12 (3) The relationship between Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and other chronic
13 health conditions.

14 (4) Lifestyle interventions that promote brain health and reduce the risk of cognitive
15 decline.

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

19 (1) The importance of risk reduction, early detection, and timely diagnosis of
20 cognitive impairment.

21 (2) Validated cognitive assessment tools and biomarker tests for the detection and
22 diagnosis of cognitive impairment.

23 (3) The value of a Medicare annual wellness visit for cognitive health and the
24 Medicare care planning billing codes for individuals living with cognitive impairment.

25 (4) Information regarding FDA-approved treatments.

26 (5) Resources available to individuals living with dementia and their families and
27 caregivers.

28 (c) The bureau of adult and aging services shall compile a report every 2 years regarding
29 the incorporation of Alzheimer's and dementia into the state public outreach programs that shall be

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1 submitted to the subcommittee on Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias, established in
2 RSA 126-A:15-a, by September 1, 2027 and bi-annually thereafter.

3 (d) It is the intent of the legislature that the department apply for available federal or
4 private funds when such funds are appropriate and relevant to supporting the state's efforts to
5 implement this paragraph or the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map, as described by the National
6 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as available resources and eligibility permit. Any such
7 federal funds obtained shall be utilized to support the state's efforts to fully integrate brain health
8 into public-health practice and reduce the risk and impact of Alzheimer's disease and other
9 dementias.

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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SB 454-FN- FISCAL NOTE

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2026-0211s)

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:

None