



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 840

PRINTER'S NO. 1676

PRIME SPONSOR: Brown

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Lottery Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

This legislation establishes the Office of Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders, and the Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders Advisory Committee within the Department of Aging.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 840, Printer's Number 1676 creates the Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders Act, and establishes within the Department of Aging both the Office of Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders and the Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders Advisory Committee.

This legislation provides for the duties and powers of the Office of Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders which includes:

- Oversight of the implementation of the State Plan.
- Providing strategic direction and support to the Advisory Committee.
- Establishing and maintaining relations with other commonwealth agencies and organizations that foster public-private collaboration in order to meet the needs of affected individuals.
- Evaluating existing Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders programs and services and identifying service gaps.
- Increasing awareness of and facilitating access to quality, coordinated care for affected individuals.
- Utilizing Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders data to coordinate and collaborate with other commonwealth agencies to improve health outcomes.
- Conducting a review of the existing State Plan and determining if amendments are necessary.
- Approving and implementing amendments to the state plan, in consultation with the Advisory Committee.
- Identifying and managing grants to assist in the funding of the office, state plan implementation, and other programs and services to assist the commonwealth in becoming dementia-capable.
- Compile an annual report in consultation with the Advisory Committee and publish it on the department's website.

This legislation will take effect in 180 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Aging estimates four (4) new positions will be needed for the Office of Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Related Disorders. In addition, this legislation includes the duties of this Office, which are expected to increase operating costs. As a result, the department estimates a \$1.9 million increase to personnel and operating costs. Administrative costs for the department are funded through the Lottery Fund.

Expense incurred by nongovernmental Advisory Committee members that are reimbursed by the department are expected to be nominal and are likely to be covered by the department's current appropriations.

The department's current appropriations included sufficient funds for the establishment of this Office. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact for fiscal year 2024/25. For fiscal year 2025/26, to continue the Office, the department will need to maintain the increase in administrative costs incurred in fiscal year 2024/25 of \$1.9 million.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.