

SENATE BILL No. 450

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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1 AN ACT concerning Alzheimer's disease; establishing the Kansas
2 Alzheimer's disease advisory council; relating to duties of the Kansas
3 department for aging and disability services.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas Alzheimer's
7 disease advisory council. The advisory council shall consist of 20
8 members appointed as follows:

9 (1) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the
10 speaker of the house of representatives;

11 (2) one member of the house of representatives, appointed by the
12 majority leader of the house of representatives;

13 (3) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the
14 minority leader of the house of representatives;

15 (4) one member of the senate appointed by the president of the
16 senate;

17 (5) one member of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the
18 senate;

19 (6) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the
20 senate;

21 (7) a person with Alzheimer's disease, appointed by the governor;

22 (8) a caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease, appointed by the
23 governor;

24 (9) a representative of the nursing facility industry, appointed by the
25 governor;

26 (10) a representative of the assisted living industry, appointed by the
27 governor;

28 (11) a representative of the in-home care industry, appointed by the
29 governor;

30 (12) a representative of the healthcare provider community, appointed
31 by the governor;

32 (13) an Alzheimer's disease researcher, appointed by the governor;

33 (14) a psychologist who specializes in geriatric care, appointed by the
34 governor;

35 (15) an attorney who practices in elder law, appointed by the
36 governor;

1 (16) a representative of the Alzheimer's association, appointed by the
2 governor;

3 (17) a representative of Kansas advocates for better care, appointed
4 by the governor;

5 (18) a representative from the Kansas silver haired legislature,
6 appointed by the governor;

7 (19) a representative of the law enforcement community, appointed
8 by the governor; and

9 (20) a representative of the department of labor or department of
10 commerce with knowledge of workforce issues, appointed by the
11 governor.

12 (b) The advisory council shall:

13 (1) Develop a statewide plan to address Alzheimer's disease and
14 related dementias and ensure that such statewide plan is updated in 2026
15 and every five years thereafter;

16 (2) advise the Kansas department for aging and disability services
17 with recommendations on actions needed for the benefit of persons with
18 Alzheimer's disease and for their caregivers;

19 (3) beginning in 2025, prepare and submit a report to the governor
20 and the legislature on or before February 1 of each year that includes:

21 (A) A review of state statutes, rules and regulations, policies and
22 programs and any suggested changes thereto to further the implementation
23 of a state Alzheimer's disease plan;

24 (B) data trends related to Alzheimer's disease;

25 (C) an analysis of the current continuum of services available to
26 persons with Alzheimer's disease and the effectiveness thereof; and

27 (D) such other information as the advisory council deems
28 appropriate; and

29 (4) promote a state Alzheimer's disease plan to members of the public
30 and stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

31 (A) Area agencies on aging;

32 (B) aging and disability resource centers;

33 (C) hospitals;

34 (D) healthcare professionals;

35 (E) Alzheimer's disease and dementia advocacy groups;

36 (F) municipalities; and

37 (G) civic and religious groups.

38 (c) (1) The first members of the advisory council shall be appointed
39 on or before August 1, 2024. The appointing authorities listed in
40 subsection (a) shall provide notice of such appointments to the secretary
41 for aging and disability services on the date of such appointment.

42 (2) Members of the advisory council shall serve four-year renewable
43 terms. Any vacancy in the membership of the advisory council shall be

1 filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided in this
2 subsection for the original appointment and accompanied by notice to the
3 secretary for aging and disability services.

4 (3) The secretary for aging and disability services shall call an
5 organizational meeting of the advisory council on or before September 1,
6 2024. At such organizational meeting, the members shall elect a
7 chairperson and a vice chairperson from the membership of the advisory
8 council. The advisory council also shall consider dates for future meetings
9 and the agenda for such meetings.

10 (d) (1) The advisory council may meet at any time and at any place
11 within the state upon the call of the chairperson or a majority of the
12 members of the advisory council.

13 (2) The Kansas department for aging and disability services shall
14 provide assistance to the advisory council to prepare and publish meeting
15 agendas, public notices, meeting minutes and any research, data or
16 information requested by the advisory council.

17 (3) A quorum of the advisory council shall be a majority of the
18 appointed members. All actions of the advisory council shall be by motion
19 adopted by a majority of those members present when there is a quorum.

20 (e) Members of the advisory council shall not be paid compensation.

21 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
22 publication in the statute book.