



SPONSOR: Rep. K. Johnson & Sen. Pinkney

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

DIRECTING THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CONDUCTING A STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT RELATED TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR RELATED DEMENTIAS.

1 WHEREAS, more than 19,000 Delawareans suffer from Alzheimer's, and that number is estimated to more than
2 triple by the year 2050; and

3 WHEREAS, nearly one out of every three seniors who die each year suffer from some form of dementia; and

4 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is a serious disease that affects not only those who have it, but also their families and
5 31,000 caregivers in Delaware; and

6 WHEREAS, the severity of this health crisis necessitates the survey of and assessment of Alzheimer's disease
7 resources, services, and care measures, and future fiscal impact of Alzheimer's disease in Delaware in order to ensure the
8 state is prepared to handle the looming crisis of this disease; and

9 WHEREAS, this health crisis has a significant fiscal impact on the State of Delaware, which is estimated to keep
10 increasing, currently costing \$253 million in Medicaid alone each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia negatively impact the health and quality of life of
12 Delawareans.

13 NOW THEREFORE:

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly, the Senate concurring
15 therein, that the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services with input from stakeholders, shall release a Request
16 for Information (RFI) on conducting a comprehensive statewide needs assessment to assess trends, service needs, resources,
17 and capacity for Alzheimer's and related dementias no later than October 1, 2023.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this needs assessment must include:

19 (1) Trends in the state's Alzheimer's disease and related dementias populations and service needs, including:

20 a. The availability and cost of services, resources for those living in historically underserved areas, rural
21 areas, nonwhite communities, and those areas as defined by federal poverty guidelines.

22 b. The average amount of diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and mortality rate of
23 Alzheimer's disease in nonwhite communities.

24 c. The state's role in providing or facilitating assistance to those with early-stage or early-onset
25 Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

26 d. The state's policies regarding individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

27 e. The cost of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias on publicly funded health care programs.

28 (2) Existing resources, services, and capacity relating to the care of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's
29 disease or related dementias, including:

30 a. Home and community-based services, including respite care, for individuals diagnosed with
31 Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and their families, or caregivers, or guardians.

32 b. Number and availability of long-term care dementia units or providers.

33 c. The resources, services, and capacity of geriatric psychiatric units for individuals with behavioral
34 disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

35 d. Assisted living options for individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

36 e. State-supported Alzheimer's and related dementias research conducted at universities located in this
37 state.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than March 1, 2024 the Delaware Department of Health and Social
39 Services should submit a report detailing the findings of the RFI for the needs assessment, as well as any existing and
40 available data that is responsive to sections (1) and (2) of this resolution to all the following: the Governor, all members of
41 the General Assembly, the Controller General, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with copies to
42 the Director and the Librarian of the Division of Research of Legislative Council, and the Delaware Public Archives.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution requests the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services submit a report detailing the findings of the request for information on conducting a statewide needs assessment.