

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 167—ASSEMBLYWOMEN THOMAS;
GONZÁLEZ AND TAYLOR

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to dementia.
(BDR 38-787)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to persons with dementia; requiring the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and administer a dementia care specialist program; setting forth certain requirements for the program; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Aging and Disability Services Division of the
2 Department of Health and Human Services to establish and administer certain
3 programs for the elderly, including: (1) a program to provide community-based
4 services to enable a frail elderly person to avoid placement in a facility for long-
5 term care; and (2) a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly, known as a PACE
6 program. (NRS 427A.250, 427A.255)

7 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Division to establish and administer a
8 program for dementia care specialists in this State. **Section 1** further provides that
9 the program must have as its goals, without limitation: (1) to develop and provide
10 certain crisis intervention services for persons with dementia and their families and
11 caregivers; (2) to proactively support persons with dementia and their families and
12 caregivers to ensure the highest quality of life possible and to enable persons with
13 dementia to remain in their homes or with family and avoid placement in a facility;
14 and (3) to assist persons with dementia and their families and caregivers with
15 limited English proficiency by providing access to the program through, without
16 limitation, translation and interpretation services. Within the limits of legislative
17 appropriations and any other money available for this purpose, **section 1** requires
18 the Division to: (1) prepare requests for proposals for the provision of services by
19 dementia care specialists employed by local governmental agencies or nonprofit
20 organizations to carry out the program; and (2) partner or contract with an
21 appropriate educational organization to provide training to dementia care specialists
22 and evaluate the program.



23 **Section 2** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Division for the program
24 established pursuant to **section 1**.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Division shall establish and administer a program for*
4 *dementia care specialists in this State.*

5 *2. The program established pursuant to this section must*
6 *have as its goals, without limitation:*

7 *(a) To develop and provide crisis intervention services for*
8 *persons with dementia and their families and caregivers,*
9 *including, without limitation, services that provide an initial crisis*
10 *response, crisis stabilization and long-term care for persons with*
11 *dementia who exhibit behavioral problems.*

12 *(b) To proactively support persons with dementia and their*
13 *families and caregivers to ensure the highest quality of life*
14 *possible and to enable persons with dementia to remain in their*
15 *own homes or with family and avoid placement in a facility for*
16 *long-term care by, without limitation:*

17 *(1) Providing information, assistance, education and*
18 *support to persons with dementia and their families and*
19 *caregivers;*

20 *(2) Facilitating the development of communities in this*
21 *State where persons with dementia may remain safe and active;*

22 *(3) Providing training to governmental agencies and*
23 *nonprofit organizations that provide services to persons with*
24 *dementia; and*

25 *(4) Raising awareness of and developing community*
26 *support for persons with dementia and their families and*
27 *caregivers.*

28 *(c) To assist persons with dementia and their families and*
29 *caregivers with limited English proficiency by providing access to*
30 *the program through, without limitation, translation and*
31 *interpretation services.*

32 *3. Within the limits of legislative appropriations and any*
33 *other money available for this purpose, the Division shall:*

34 *(a) Prepare requests for proposals for the provision of services*
35 *by dementia care specialists employed by local governmental*
36 *agencies or nonprofit organizations to carry out the program*
37 *established pursuant to this section. The Division shall establish*
38 *such requirements for the requests for proposals as it determines*
39 *necessary.*



1 *(b) Partner or contract with an appropriate educational*
2 *organization to:*

3 *(1) Provide training to dementia care specialists.*

4 *(2) Evaluate the program established pursuant to this*
5 *section.*

6 *4. The Division may adopt regulations necessary to establish*
7 *and administer the program established pursuant to this section.*

8 *5. As used in this section, "limited English proficiency"*
9 *means a person who reads, writes or speaks a language other than*
10 *English and who cannot readily understand or communicate in*
11 *the English language in written or spoken form, as applicable,*
12 *based on the manner in which information is being*
13 *communicated.*

14 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
15 General Fund to the Aging and Disability Services Division of the
16 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of \$531,904 for
17 the program for dementia care specialists established by the
18 Division pursuant to section 1 of this act.

19 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
20 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
21 2025, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
22 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
23 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
24 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
25 September 19, 2025, by either the entity to which the money was
26 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
27 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
28 Fund on or before September 19, 2025.

29 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

