



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2660

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

320 ILCS 20/3.1 new

Amends the Adult Protective Services Act. Requires the Department on Aging to develop and implement a dementia training program that must include instruction on the identification of people with dementia, risks such as wandering, communication impairments, and elder abuse, and the best practices for interacting with people with dementia. Provides that training of at least 2 hours shall be completed at the start of employment with the Adult Protective Services division. Provides that the training shall cover the following subjects: (i) Alzheimer's disease and dementia; (ii) safety risks; and (iii) communication and behavior. Requires persons who are employees of the Adult Protective Services division on the effective date of the amendatory Act to complete this training within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that annual continuing education shall include at least 2 hours of dementia training covering the same subjects discussed during initial training. Grants the Department rulemaking authority.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning aging.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Adult Protective Services Act is amended by
5 adding Section 3.1 as follows:

6 (320 ILCS 20/3.1 new)

7 Sec. 3.1. Adult protective services dementia training.

8 (a) This Section shall apply to any person who is employed
9 by the Department in the Adult Protective Services division
10 who works on the development and implementation of social
11 services to respond to and prevent adult abuse, neglect, or
12 exploitation.

13 (b) The Department shall develop and implement a dementia
14 training program that must include instruction on the
15 identification of people with dementia, risks such as
16 wandering, communication impairments, and elder abuse, and the
17 best practices for interacting with people with dementia.

18 (c) Training of at least 2 hours shall be completed at the
19 start of employment with the Adult Protective Services
20 division. Persons who are employees of the Adult Protective
21 Services division on the effective date of this amendatory Act
22 of the 102nd General Assembly shall complete this training
23 within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory

1 Act of the 102nd General Assembly. The training shall cover
2 the following subjects:

3 (1) Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

4 (2) Safety risks.

5 (3) Communication and behavior.

6 (d) Annual continuing education shall include at least 2
7 hours of dementia training covering the subjects described in
8 subsection (c).

9 (e) This Section is designed to address gaps in current
10 dementia training requirements for Adult Protective Services
11 officials and improve the quality of training. If laws or
12 rules existing on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
13 the 102nd General Assembly contain more rigorous training
14 requirements for Adult Protective Service officials, those
15 laws or rules shall apply. Where there is overlap between this
16 Section and other laws and rules, the Department shall
17 interpret this Section to avoid duplication of requirements
18 while ensuring that the minimum requirements set in this
19 Section are met.

20 (f) The Department may adopt rules for the administration
21 of this Section.