

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 473 (2012)

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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services  
Access Subcommittee  
Representative Hudson offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:  
WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a slow, progressive disorder of  
the brain that results in loss of memory and other cognitive  
functions and eventually death, and

WHEREAS, because Alzheimer's disease is accompanied by  
memory loss, poor judgment, changes in personality and behavior,  
and a tendency to wander or become lost, a person with this  
disease is at an increased risk for accidental injury, abuse,  
neglect, and exploitation, and

WHEREAS, approximately one in eight Americans 65 years of  
age or older and almost half of Americans 85 years of age or  
older develop Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia,  
and

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19 WHEREAS, there are 459,806 probable cases of Alzheimer's  
20 disease in this state in 2011, which population is expected to  
21 triple by the year 2050, and

22 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease takes an enormous toll on  
23 family members, with an estimated one in four family members  
24 providing caregiving support for individuals with the disease,  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, caregivers for persons having Alzheimer's disease  
27 witness the deteriorating effects of the disease and often  
28 suffer more emotional stress, depression, and health problems  
29 than caregivers of people having other illnesses, which can  
30 negatively affect such caregivers' employment, income, and  
31 financial security, and

32 WHEREAS, younger-onset Alzheimer's disease is a form of  
33 Alzheimer's disease that strikes a person who is younger than 65  
34 years of age when symptoms first appear, but younger-onset  
35 Alzheimer's disease can strike persons as early as 30, 40, or 50  
36 years of age, with new data showing that there may be as many as  
37 500,000 Americans under the age of 65 who have dementia or  
38 cognitive impairment at a level of severity consistent with  
39 dementia, and

40 WHEREAS, the state needs to assess the current and future  
41 impact of Alzheimer's disease on Floridians and the state's  
42 health care system, programs, resources, and services to ensure  
43 the continued development and implementation of more inclusive  
44 and integrated, comprehensive, coordinated, and current strategy  
45 to address the needs of the growing number of Floridians having

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Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and the corresponding needs of their caregivers, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The Purple Ribbon Task Force.—The Purple Ribbon Task Force is established within the Department of Elderly Affairs.

(1) The task force shall consist of 18 volunteer members, of whom six shall be appointed by the Governor, six shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and six shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, as follows:

(a) A member of the House of Representatives.

(b) A member of the Senate.

(c) A representative from the Alzheimer's Association.

(d) At least one person having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

(e) At least one family caregiver or former family caregiver of a person having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

(f) A representative from the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee.

(g) A representative of law enforcement with knowledge about disappearance and recovery, self-neglect, abuse, exploitation, and suicide of persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

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73       (h) A representative having knowledge of and experience  
74 with the Baker Act and its impact on persons having Alzheimer's  
75 disease or a related form of dementia.

76       (i) An expert on disaster preparedness and response for  
77 persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of  
78 dementia.

79       (j) A representative of a health care facility or hospice  
80 that serves persons with Alzheimer's disease.

81       (k) A representative of the adult day care services  
82 industry.

83       (l) A representative of health care practitioners  
84 specializing in the treatment of persons having Alzheimer's  
85 disease or a related form of dementia.

86       (m) A Florida board certified elder-law attorney.

87       (n) A representative of the area agencies on aging or  
88 aging and disability resource centers.

89       (o) A person who is an Alzheimer's disease researcher.

90       (p) A representative from a memory disorder clinic.

91       (q) A representative of the assisted living facility  
92 industry.

93       (r) A representative of the skilled nursing facility  
94 industry.

95       (2) Initial appointments to the task force shall be made  
96 by July 1, 2012. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled for  
97 the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the  
98 original appointment.

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99       (3) Members shall serve on the task force without  
100 compensation and may not receive reimbursement for per diem or  
101 travel expenses.

102       (4) The Department of Elderly Affairs shall convene the  
103 task force and provide necessary administrative support.

104       (5) The task force shall:

105       (a) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's  
106 disease and related forms of dementia on the state.

107       (b) Examine the existing industries, services, and  
108 resources addressing the needs of persons having Alzheimer's  
109 disease or a related form of dementia and their family  
110 caregivers.

111       (c) Examine the needs of persons having Alzheimer's disease  
112 or a related form of dementia and the effects it has from the  
113 early-on set, mid-state, and late stage inclusive of all  
114 cultures.

115       (d) Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to  
116 this public health crisis.

117       (e) Provide information regarding:

118       1. State trends with respect to persons having Alzheimer's  
119 disease or a related form of dementia and their needs,  
120 including, but not limited to:

121       a. The role of the state in providing community based  
122 care, long-term care, family caregiver support including  
123 respite, education, and assistance to persons who are in the  
124 early stages of Alzheimer's disease, who have younger-onset  
125 Alzheimer's disease, or who have a related form of dementia.

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126 b. The development of state policy with respect to persons  
127 having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

128 c. Surveillance of persons having Alzheimer's disease or a  
129 related form of dementia for the purpose of accurately  
130 estimating the number of such persons in the state at present  
131 and projected population

132 2. Existing services, resources, and capacity, including,  
133 but not limited to:

134 a. The type, cost, and availability of dementia-specific  
135 services throughout the state.

136 b. Policy requirements and effectiveness for dementia-  
137 specific training for professionals providing care.

138 c. Quality care measures employed by providers of care  
139 including respite, adult day care, assisted living facility,  
140 skilled nursing facility and hospice.

141 d. The capability of public safety workers and law  
142 enforcement officers to respond to persons having Alzheimer's  
143 disease or a related form of dementia, including, but not  
144 limited to, responding to their disappearance, search and  
145 rescue, abuse, elopement, exploitation, or suicide.

146 e. The availability of home and community-based services  
147 and respite care for persons having Alzheimer's disease or a  
148 related form of dementia, and education and support services to  
149 assist their families and caregivers.

150 f. An inventory of long-term care facilities and community  
151 based services serving persons having Alzheimer's disease or a  
152 related form of dementia.

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153 g. The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-  
154 psychiatric units for persons having behavior disorders  
155 associated with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of  
156 dementia.

157 h. Residential assisted living options for persons having  
158 Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

159 i. The level of preparedness of service providers before,  
160 during, and after a catastrophic emergency involving a person  
161 having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, their  
162 caregivers and families.

163 3. Needed state policies or responses, including, but not  
164 limited to, directions for the provision of clear and  
165 coordinated care, services and support to persons having  
166 Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and their  
167 family caregivers and strategies to address any identified gaps  
168 in services.

169 (e) Hold public meetings and employ technological means to  
170 gather feedback on the recommendations submitted by persons  
171 having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and  
172 their family caregivers and by the general public. Meetings of  
173 the task force may be held in person without compensation or  
174 travel reimbursement, by teleconference or by other electronic  
175 means.

176 (6) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
177 and date-specific recommendations in the form of an Alzheimer's  
178 disease state plan to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
179 Representatives, and the President of the Senate no later than

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180 August 1, 2013. The task force shall terminate on the earlier of  
181 the date the report is submitted or August 1, 2013.

182 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.  
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186 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

187 Remove the entire title and insert:

188 A bill to be entitled

189 An act relating to Alzheimer's disease; establishing the Purple  
190 Ribbon Task Force within the Department of Elderly Affairs;  
191 providing for membership; providing that members shall serve  
192 without compensation or reimbursement for per diem or travel  
193 expenses; requiring the department to provide administrative  
194 support; providing duties of the task force; authorizing the  
195 task force to hold meetings in person without compensation or  
196 travel reimbursement or by teleconference or other electronic  
197 means; requiring the task force to submit a report in the form  
198 of an Alzheimer's disease state plan to the Governor and  
199 Legislature; providing for termination of the task force;  
200 providing an effective date.