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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 176
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families, February 26, 2009, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Alzheimer's state plan task force, with an expiration date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 191.115, to read as follows:

**191.115. 1. There is hereby established in the department of
2 health and senior services an "Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force". The
3 task force shall consist of nineteen members, as follows:**

4 **(1) The lieutenant governor or his or her designee, who shall
5 serve as chair of the task force;**

6 **(2) The directors of the departments of health and senior
7 services, social services, and mental health or their designees;**

8 **(3) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the
9 speaker of the house;**

10 **(4) One member of the senate appointed by the president pro tem
11 of the senate;**

12 **(5) One member who has early stage Alzheimer's or a related
13 dementia;**

14 **(6) One member who is a family caregiver of a person with
15 Alzheimer's or a related dementia;**

16 **(7) One member who is a licensed physician with experience in
17 the diagnosis, treatment, and research of Alzheimer's disease;**

18 **(8) One member from the office of the state ombudsman for long
19 term care facility residents;**

20 **(9) One member representing the home care profession;**

- 21 (10) One member representing residential long-term care;
22 (11) One member representing the adult day services profession;
23 (12) One member representing the insurance profession;
24 (13) One member representing the area agencies on aging;
25 (14) One person with expertise in minority health;
26 (15) One member who is a licensed elder law attorney;
27 (16) Two members from the leading voluntary health
28 organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research.

29 2. The members of the task force, other than the lieutenant
30 governor, members from the general assembly and department
31 directors, shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and
32 consent of the senate. Members shall serve on the task force without
33 compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
34 expenses from moneys appropriated to the department of health and
35 senior services for that purpose. The department of health and senior
36 services shall provide technical and administrative support services as
37 required by the task force.

38 3. The task force shall:

- 39 (1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease
40 and related dementia on residents of the state of Missouri;
41 (2) Examine the existing services and resources addressing the
42 needs of persons with dementia, their families, and caregivers; and
43 (3) Develop recommendations to respond to the escalating public
44 health situation regarding Alzheimer's.

45 4. The task force shall include an examination of the following
46 in its assessment and recommendations required to be completed under
47 subsection 3 of this section:

- 48 (1) Trends in state Alzheimer's and related dementia populations
49 and their needs, including but not limited to, the state's role in long-
50 term care, family caregiver support, and assistance to persons with
51 early-stage Alzheimer's, early onset of Alzheimer's, and individuals with
52 Alzheimer's disease as a result of Down's Syndrome;

53 (2) Existing services, resources, and capacity, including but not
54 limited to:

- 55 (a) Type, cost, and availability of services for persons with
56 dementia, including home and community based resources, respite care
57 to assist families, residential long-term care options, and adequacy and

58 appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior
59 disorders associated with Alzheimer's and related dementia;

60 (b) Dementia-specific training requirements for individuals
61 employed to provide care for persons with dementia;

62 (c) Quality care measure for services delivered across the
63 continuum of care;

64 (d) Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to
65 persons with Alzheimer's and related dementia;

66 (e) State support for Alzheimer's research through institutes of
67 higher learning in Missouri;

68 (3) Needed state policies or responses, including but not limited
69 to directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and
70 supports to persons and families living with Alzheimer's and related
71 dementias and strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

72 5. The task force shall hold a minimum of one meeting at four
73 diverse geographic regions in the state of Missouri during the calendar
74 year to seek public input.

75 6. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and date-
76 specific recommendations to the general assembly and the governor in
77 the form of a state Alzheimer's plan no later than November 15, 2010,
78 as part of Alzheimer's disease awareness month.

79 7. The task force shall continue to meet at the request of the
80 chair and at a minimum of one time annually for the purpose of
81 evaluating the implementation and impact of the task force
82 recommendations and provide annual supplemental reports on the
83 findings to the governor and the general assembly.

84 8. The provisions of this section shall expire on November 1,
85 2012.

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