

## Chapter 668

**(House Bill 614)**

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Aging – Long-Term Care and Dementia Care Navigation Programs**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Aging to oversee long-term care and dementia care navigation programs; requiring each area agency to establish a long-term care and dementia care navigation program; requiring the Department to publish a certain report on its website; and generally relating to long-term care and dementia care and the Department of Aging.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Human Services  
 Section 10–101(a) and (b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY adding to  
 Article – Human Services  
 Section 10–1301 through 10–1303 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13.  
~~Dementia~~ Long-Term Care and Dementia Care Navigation Programs”  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Human Services**

10–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Area agency” means the local agency that the Department designates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 to administer the delivery of a comprehensive and coordinated plan of social and other services and activities for seniors in a planning and service area.

**SUBTITLE 13. ~~DEMENTIA~~ LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS.**

10–1301.

**(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

**(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, OVERSEE AND TRAIN THE STAFF OF LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

**(2) DISSEMINATE BEST PRACTICES AND COLLECT INTERACTION DATA TO ENSURE STATEWIDE PROGRAM INTEGRITY.**

**(B) THE WORK OF THE LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE GUIDED BY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF:**

**(1) THE STATE PLAN ON AGING; AND**

**(2) THE VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS COUNCIL UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 32 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.**

**(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

**(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:**

**(I) THE NUMBER OF DIRECT CONTACTS EACH LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM HAS WITH STATE RESIDENTS; AND**

**(II) THE RESULT OF EACH DIRECT CONTACT, INCLUDING:**

**1. THE PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS REFERRED TO SERVICE PROVIDERS;**

**2. THE NUMBER OF COGNITIVE ~~ASSESSMENTS~~ SCREENINGS CONDUCTED;**

3. THE NUMBER OF OUTREACH EVENTS CONDUCTED;  
AND

4. THE NUMBER OF STATE RESIDENTS CONTACTED THROUGH OUTREACH EVENTS.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

10-1302.

(A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH AREA AGENCY SHALL ~~ESTABLISH A~~ DEVELOP A LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM THAT CONSISTS OF NEW OR EXISTING SERVICES.

(2) (I) AN AREA AGENCY MAY STAFF THE PROGRAM FROM EXISTING RESOURCES OR HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE PROGRAM.

(II) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION OF THE FUNDING PROVIDED TO EACH AREA AGENCY UNDER § 10-1303 OF THIS SUBTITLE, EACH AREA AGENCY SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE DUTIES OF THE LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM INCLUDE:

(1) PROVIDING INFORMATION AND REFERRALS TO LONG-TERM CARE AND CHRONIC DISEASE SERVICES;

(2) PROVIDING COGNITIVE ~~ASSESSMENTS~~ SCREENING FOR INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WITH THEIR COGNITION;

~~(2)~~ (3) PROVIDING PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS WHO DEMONSTRATE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA THAT INTERFERE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, REGULAR EXERCISE, AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES;

~~(3)~~ (4) PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DEMONSTRATE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA THAT INTERFERE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING;

~~(4)~~ (5) CONSULTING WITH AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AREA AGENCY STAFF WHO INTERACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH:

(I) DEMENTIA DIAGNOSES; OR

(II) COGNITIVE CHANGES THAT MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH DEMENTIA; AND

~~(5)~~ (6) ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO FACILITATE CONTACT BETWEEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND:

(I) INDIVIDUALS WHO DEMONSTRATE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA THAT INTERFERE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING; AND

(II) CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DEMONSTRATE SYMPTOMS OF DEMENTIA THAT INTERFERE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING; ~~AND~~

~~(6) PROVIDING ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE SERVICE.~~

(C) THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN §§ 10-307 AND 10-309 OF THIS TITLE.

10-1303.

(A) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,400,000 TO MANAGE THE LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS STATEWIDE AND TO FUND THE PROGRAMS LOCALLY.

(B) THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED PROPORTIONALLY TO EACH AREA AGENCY BASED ON A FORMULA DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT CONSIDERS THE NEEDS OF NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL LIKELY NEED LONG-TERM CARE OR DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES IN EACH JURISDICTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2023.