

# SENATE BILL 228

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By: **Senator Beidle**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

### **Department of Aging – Dementia Care Coordinator and Dementia Care Navigation Programs**

FOR the purpose of establishing the position of Dementia Care Coordinator in the Department of Aging to oversee dementia care navigation programs; requiring each area agency to establish a dementia care navigation program; requiring the Department to publish a certain report on its website; and generally relating to 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 Care Coordinator and Navigation Programs”

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(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.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(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 CARE COORDINATOR AND NAVIGATION PROGRAMS.**

**10-1301.**

**(A) THERE IS A DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

**(B) THE DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR SHALL:**

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

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

**(3) (I) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER, SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

**(II) PUBLISH THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE.**

**(C) THE WORK OF THE DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR AND THE 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 DISORDERS COUNCIL UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 32 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.**

**10-1302.**

**(A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH AREA AGENCY SHALL ESTABLISH A DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM.**

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

**(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE DUTIES OF THE DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM INCLUDE:**

**(1) PROVIDING COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA;**

**(2) PROVIDING PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA IN REGULAR EXERCISE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES;**

**(3) PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA, INCLUDING PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH CARE PLANNING AND REFERRAL TO SUPPORT GROUPS;**

**(4) CONSIDERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE CIVIC AWARENESS AND DEMENTIA-CAPABLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE;**

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

**(I) DEMENTIA DIAGNOSES; OR**

**(II) COGNITIVE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH DEMENTIA;**

**(6) ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FACILITATING CONTACT BETWEEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND:**

**(I) INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA; AND**

**(II) CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA; AND**

**(7) 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 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 AND SIZE OF EACH JURISDICTION.**

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