



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/18/2020, 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, elder abuse, and the best practices for interacting with people with dementia. Provides that initial training of 4 hours shall be completed at the start of employment with the Adult Protective Services division and shall cover several subjects, including: (i) dementia, psychiatric, and behavioral symptoms; (ii) communication issues, including how to communicate respectfully and effectively; and (iii) protocols for connecting people living with dementia to local care resources and professionals who are skilled in dementia care to encourage cross-referral and reporting regarding incidents of abuse. Provides that annual continuing education shall include 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 who  
10 works on the development and implementation of social services  
11 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, elder abuse, and the  
17 best practices for interacting with people with dementia.

18 (c) Initial training of 4 hours shall be completed at the  
19 start of employment with the Adult Protective Services division  
20 and shall cover the following:

21 (1) Dementia, psychiatric, and behavioral symptoms.

22 (2) Communication issues, including how to communicate  
23 respectfully and effectively.

1           (3) Techniques for understanding and approaching  
2           behavioral symptoms.

3           (4) Information on how to address specific aspects of  
4           safety, for example tips to prevent wandering.

5           (5) When it is necessary to alert law enforcement  
6           agencies of potential criminal behavior involving a family  
7           member, caretaker, or institutional abuse; neglect or  
8           exploitation of a person with dementia; and what types of  
9           abuse that are most common to people with dementia.

10          (6) Identifying incidents of self-neglect for people  
11          with dementia who live alone as well as neglect by a  
12          caregiver.

13          (7) Protocols for connecting people living with  
14          dementia to local care resources and professionals who are  
15          skilled in dementia care to encourage cross-referral and  
16          reporting regarding incidents of abuse.

17          (d) Annual continuing education shall include 2 hours of  
18          dementia training covering the subjects described in  
19          subsection (c).

20          (e) This Section is designed to address gaps in current  
21          dementia training requirements for Adult Protective Services  
22          officials and improve the quality of training. If currently  
23          existing law or rules contain more rigorous training  
24          requirements for Adult Protective Service officials, those  
25          laws or rules shall apply. Where there is overlap between this  
26          Section and other laws and rules, the Department shall

1 interpret this Section to avoid duplication of requirements  
2 while ensuring that the minimum requirements set in this  
3 Section are met.

4 (f) The Department may adopt rules for the administration  
5 of this Section.