

SB3377



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Introduced 2/14/2020, by Sen. Laura Fine

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.