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HOUSE BILL DRH20020-MGa-78A* (03/07)

Short Title: Raise Awareness About Alzheimer's & Dementias. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Murphy, Dobson, and Boswell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, FOR THE
4 IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE
5 ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, the sum of three hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred
10 thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the
11 Center of Outreach in Alzheimer's, Aging, and Community Health at North Carolina
12 Agricultural and Technical State University ("the Center"), to be used exclusively for the
13 following purposes:

- 14 (1) To utilize a lay-health advisor model to develop evidence-based workshops,
15 support groups, and conferences designed to improve awareness, literacy,
16 and knowledge about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in 20
17 counties of the State with the highest number of low-income families,
18 specifically targeting underserved and underrepresented populations and, in
19 particular, those residing in rural areas of North Carolina. The Center shall
20 develop culturally relevant, bilingual informational materials for distribution
21 at these workshops, support groups, and conferences. The materials shall
22 also be made available free of charge to the general public on the Center's
23 and the Department of Public Health Service's Internet Web sites in a format
24 that can be downloaded. In developing the training programs authorized by
25 this subdivision, the Center shall consult with the Department of Health and
26 Human Services and any other relevant State agencies to ensure that
27 awareness activities are inclusive and engaging across all races, ethnicities,
28 socioeconomic statuses, and educational levels and is encouraged to work
29 with faith-based organizations to provide outreach to the community
30 concerning brain health.
- 31 (2) To develop a comprehensive caregiver toolkit to assist families caring for a
32 loved one affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The design
33 of the caregiver toolkit must (i) be informed by data from families impacted
34 by Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and (ii) address financial
35 resources, legal planning, elder care, and care for the caregiver and provide
36 guidance on local resources and resources specific to counties. The toolkit



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- 1 must be made available free of charge to the general public on the
2 Department of Health and Human Service's Internet Web site in a format
3 that can be downloaded.
- 4 (3) To implement a "Connect the Family" project to increase awareness about
5 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and to inform the community
6 about resources available to assist families caring for a loved one affected by
7 Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. As part of this project, the Center
8 shall conduct a statewide caregiver's education conference to share
9 up-to-date information on research as well as introduce the comprehensive
10 caregiver toolkit described in subdivision (3) of this section. The conference
11 shall be conducted in each of the 20 rural counties identified pursuant to
12 subdivision (1) of this section, either remotely or in person.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.