

Chapter 397

(Senate Bill 27)

AN ACT concerning

**Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia – Council and Coordination of Services
(Dementia Services Act of 2022)**

FOR the purpose of renaming the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council to be the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council; establishing the terms of the appointed members of the ~~Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council~~; altering the staffing and reporting requirements of the Council; establishing the position of Director of Dementia Services Coordination and Brain Health in the Maryland Department of Health; repealing the termination date for the Council; and generally relating to the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related ~~Disorders Dementias~~ Council and the Director of Dementia Services Coordination and Brain Health.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 13–3201, 13–3202, and 13–3204, ~~13–3205, and~~ through 13–3207 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 32. Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section ~~13–3202, 13–3203, and 13–3206~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 13–32A–01 through 13–32A–06 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 32A. Director of Dementia Services ~~Coordination~~ and Brain Health”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 305 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, as amended by Chapters 74 and 75 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016 and Chapters 410 and 411 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019

Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 306 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, as amended by Chapters 74 and 75 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016 and Chapters 410 and 411 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 2

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

Article – Health – General

Subtitle 32. Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related [Disorders] **DEMENTIAS** Council.

13–3201.

(A) In this subtitle[,] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(B) “Council” means the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related ~~Disorders~~ **DEMENTIAS** Council.

(C) **“DIRECTOR” MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATION AND BRAIN HEALTH ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 32A OF THIS TITLE.**

13–3202.

There is a Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related ~~Disorders~~ **DEMENTIAS** Council.

13–3203.

(a) The Council consists of the following members:

- (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) The Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (4) The Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary’s designee;

(5) The Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Maryland Chapter, or the Executive Director's designee;

(6) The President of the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, or the President's designee; and

(7) The following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) Seven health care professionals with relevant professional experience;

(ii) Three human service professionals with relevant professional experience;

(iii) One elder law attorney with relevant professional experience;

(iv) Two research professionals with relevant professional experience;

(v) Two family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder; and

(vi) At the recommendation of the Council, any other member necessary to fulfill the duties of the Council.

(b) To the extent practicable, the members appointed to the Council shall reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State.

13-3204.

(a) The members of the Council shall select the chair of the Council.

(b) A member of the Council:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(C) (1) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IS 3 YEARS.

(2) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 1, 2022.

(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN APPOINTED MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

13-3205.

(a) The [Department] **DIRECTOR**, with assistance from the ~~DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND THE~~ Department of Aging, shall provide staff support for the Council.

(b) The [Department] **DIRECTOR** may request staffing assistance from public health entities with an interest in the duties of the Council.

13-3206.

The Council shall:

(1) Update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related ~~Disorders~~ **DEMENTIAS** and advocate for the State Plan;

(2) (i) Examine the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related ~~disorders~~ **DEMENTIAS** and their caregivers; and

(ii) Identify methods through which the State can most effectively and efficiently assist in meeting those needs;

(3) Advise the Governor and the General Assembly on policy, funding, regulatory, and other issues related to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related ~~disorders~~ **DEMENTIAS** and their caregivers; and

(4) Develop and promote strategies to encourage brain health and reduce cognitive decline.

13-3207.

On or before September 1 [each year], **2022, AND ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER**, the Council shall [report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the activities and recommendations of the Council] **ISSUE AND PUBLISH AN UPDATE TO THE STATE PLAN ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED ~~DISORDERS~~ DEMENTIAS.**

**SUBTITLE 32A. DIRECTOR OF DEMENTIA SERVICES ~~COORDINATION AND BRAIN~~
HEALTH.**

13-32A-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “COUNCIL” MEANS THE VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED ~~DISORDERS~~ DEMENTIAS COUNCIL.

(C) “DIRECTOR” MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF DEMENTIA SERVICES ~~COORDINATION AND BRAIN~~ HEALTH.

13-32A-02.

(A) THERE IS A DIRECTOR OF DEMENTIA SERVICES ~~COORDINATION AND~~ BRAIN HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.

13-32A-03.

THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR SHALL BE A FULL-TIME AND PERMANENT POSITION.

13-32A-04.

(A) THE PURPOSE OF THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR IS TO COORDINATE AND FACILITATE COMMUNICATION RELATING TO DEMENTIA SERVICES IN THE STATE.

(B) THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) COORDINATE THE DEPARTMENT’S APPROACH TO ADDRESSING ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND OTHER FORMS OF DEMENTIA AND BRAIN HEALTH, INCLUDING THROUGH PUBLIC AWARENESS, PREVENTION, AND EARLY DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS;

(2) STAFF THE COUNCIL AND ~~IMPLEMENT~~ OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE PLAN ON ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED ~~DISORDERS~~ DEMENTIAS;

(3) ASSESS, ANALYZE, AND CONDUCT OUTREACH TO SHARE COGNITIVE HEALTH AND DEMENTIA-RELATED DATA;

~~(4) IDENTIFY AND SHARE DEMENTIA-SPECIFIC TRAINING WITH STAKEHOLDERS WHO ENGAGE WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR OTHER FORMS OF DEMENTIA~~ DEVELOP AND MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES AND MEASURABLE OUTCOMES TO ASSESS PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS LAID OUT IN THE STATE PLAN ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS;

(5) IDENTIFY EFFICIENCIES ACROSS STATE AGENCIES THAT AID INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CAREGIVERS, AND COORDINATE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS;

(6) APPLY FOR GRANTS TO ENABLE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE PLAN ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS GOALS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF DEMENTIA, AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CAREGIVERS; AND

(7) CARRY OUT OTHER DUTIES RELEVANT TO THE SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA AS MAY BE ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

13-32A-05.

ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR.

13-32A-06.

~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE~~ THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR AND THE ~~VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:~~

- (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, AT LEAST \$71,400;
- (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, AT LEAST \$83,000;
- (3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, AT LEAST \$85,300;

(4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, AT LEAST \$87,600; AND

(5) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, AT LEAST \$89,900.

Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2013, as amended by Chapters 74 and 75 of the Acts of 2016 and Chapters 410 and 411 of the Acts of 2019

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013. [It shall remain effective for a period of 11 years and, at the end of September 20, 2024, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

Chapter 306 of the Acts of 2013, as amended by Chapters 74 and 75 of the Acts of 2016 and Chapters 410 and 411 of the Acts of 2019

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013. [It shall remain effective for a period of 11 years and, at the end of September 20, 2024, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the members of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related ~~Disorders~~ Dementias Council appointed as of October 1, 2022, shall expire as follows:

- (1) five members in 2024;
- (2) five members in 2025;
- (3) five members in 2026; and

(4) any other member appointed by the Governor under § 13-3203(a)(7)(vi) of the Health – General Article in 2027.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.