

SENATE BILL 505

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By: **Senator King**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging – Dementia Care Coordinator and Dementia Care**
3 **Navigators**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the position of Dementia Care Coordinator in the
5 Department of Aging to manage the work of dementia care navigators; requiring
6 each area agency to employ a dementia care navigator; requiring the Department to
7 publish a certain report on its website; and generally relating to dementia care and
8 the Department of Aging.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Human Services
11 Section 10–101(a) and (b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Human Services
16 Section 10–1301 through 10–1303 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13.
17 Dementia Care Coordinator and Navigators”
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Human Services**

23 10–101.

24 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

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 NAVIGATORS.

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, MANAGE THE WORK OF THE DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATORS EMPLOYED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) (I) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND EACH YEAR 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 NAVIGATORS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE GUIDED BY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF:

(1) THE STRATEGIC STATE PLAN ON AGING–IN–PLACE TO ADDRESS THE AGING–IN–PLACE PREFERENCE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE SENIORS UNDER § 10–801 OF THIS TITLE; 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 EMPLOY A DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATOR.

(2) AN AREA AGENCY MAY DESIGNATE THE DEMENTIA CARE

1 NAVIGATOR FROM EXISTING STAFF OR HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE THE DEMENTIA
2 CARE NAVIGATOR.

3 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A DEMENTIA CARE
4 NAVIGATOR SHALL:

5 (1) PROVIDE COGNITIVE SCREENING AND PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE
6 INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA IN REGULAR EXERCISE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES;

7 (2) PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH
8 DEMENTIA, INCLUDING PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH CARE PLANNING AND
9 REFERRAL TO SUPPORT GROUPS;

10 (3) PROVIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT BY ASSISTING IN THE
11 DEVELOPMENT OF DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO INCREASE
12 CIVIC AWARENESS AND DEMENTIA-CAPABLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE;

13 (4) CONSULT WITH AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AREA
14 AGENCY STAFF WHO INTERACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH:

15 (I) DEMENTIA DIAGNOSES; OR

16 (II) COGNITIVE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH DEMENTIA;

17 (5) ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND
18 FACILITATE CONTACT BETWEEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND:

19 (I) INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA; AND

20 (II) CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA; AND

21 (6) PROVIDE ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE SERVICE.

22 (C) THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION
23 SHALL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN §§ 10-307 AND
24 10-309 OF THIS TITLE.

25 10-1303.

26 (A) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
27 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF
28 \$1,600,000 TO EMPLOY THE DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR AND DEMENTIA CARE
29 NAVIGATORS.

1 **(B) THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE**
2 **DISTRIBUTED PROPORTIONALLY TO EACH AREA AGENCY BASED ON A FORMULA**
3 **DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT CONSIDERS THE NUMBER OF**
4 **INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA IN EACH COUNTY.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2022.