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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1422

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-16.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 16.4. "Area agency", for purposes of IC 12-10-5.7, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-5.7-1.**

SECTION 2. IC 12-7-2-146, AS AMENDED BY P.L.130-2018, SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 146. "Program" refers to the following:

(1) For purposes of IC 12-10-5.7, the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-5.7-2.

~~(1)~~ **(2)** For purposes of IC 12-10-7, the adult guardianship services program established by IC 12-10-7-5.

~~(2)~~ **(3)** For purposes of IC 12-10-10, the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-10-5.

~~(3)~~ **(4)** For purposes of IC 12-17.2-2-14.2, the meaning set forth in IC 12-17.2-2-14.2(a).

~~(4)~~ **(5)** For purposes of IC 12-17.6, the meaning set forth in IC 12-17.6-1-5.

SECTION 3. IC 12-7-2-180.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 180.6. "Specialist", for purposes of IC 12-10-5.7, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-10-5.7-3.**

SECTION 4. IC 12-9.1-5-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 4. The division may employ a dementia care coordinator to do the following:**

- (1) Coordinate implementation of the dementia strategic plan.**
- (2) Regarding the dementia care specialist program established under IC 12-10-5.7, do the following:**
 - (A) Develop or identify best practice guidelines concerning the establishment and administration of a dementia care specialist program in accordance with IC 12-10-5.7.**
 - (B) Establish training requirements necessary for staff working in a dementia care specialist program.**
 - (C) Disseminate guidelines and training requirements described in clauses (A) and (B) to each area agency.**
 - (D) Provide resources and technical assistance to an area agency or dementia care specialist designated by an area agency under IC 12-10-5.7.**
 - (E) Not later than December 1, 2024, and each December 1 thereafter incorporate program reporting and analysis on coordinator activities, program impacts, and health outcomes as a subsection of the division's dementia strategic plan annual report required under section 3 of this chapter.**

SECTION 5. IC 12-10-1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.209-2018, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 6. (a) The area agencies on aging designated by the bureau in each planning and service region shall do the following:**

- (1) Determine the needs and resources of the aged in the area.**
- (2) Coordinate, in cooperation with other agencies or organizations in the area, region, district, or county, all programs and activities providing health, recreational, educational, or social services for the aged.**
- (3) Secure local matching money from public and private sources to provide, improve, or expand the sources available to meet the needs of the aged.**
- (4) Develop, in cooperation with the division and in accordance with the regulations of the commissioner of the federal Administration on Aging, an area plan for each planning and service area to provide for the following:**
 - (A) A comprehensive and coordinated system for the delivery of services needed by the aged in the area.**
 - (B) The collection and dissemination of information and referral sources.**



(C) The effective and efficient use of all resources meeting the needs of the aged.

(D) The inauguration of new services and periodic evaluation of all programs and projects delivering services to the aged, with special emphasis on the low income and minority residents of the planning and service area.

(E) The establishment, publication, and maintenance of a toll free telephone number to provide information, counseling, and referral services for the aged residents of the planning and service area.

(5) Conduct case management (as defined in IC 12-10-10-1).

(6) Perform any other functions required by regulations established under the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).

(7) Establish a dementia care specialist program as required by IC 12-10-5.7-4.

(b) The division shall pay the costs associated with the toll free telephone number required under subsection (a).

(c) Changes may not be made to the designated coverage area of an area agency on aging until after the following:

(1) The office of the secretary holds a public hearing in each county where the existing area agency on aging is operating to discuss the proposed changes and receive public comment.

(2) One (1) year elapses from the date of the meeting held under subdivision (1).

SECTION 6. IC 12-10-5.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]:

Chapter 5.7. Dementia Care Specialist Program

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "area agency" means an area agency on aging designated by the bureau under IC 12-10-1-4.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" means a dementia care specialist program established by an area agency under this chapter.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "specialist" means a dementia care specialist designated by an area agency to administer a program under section 4 of this chapter.

Sec. 4. (a) An area agency may establish a dementia care specialist program under which an area agency may designate an employee as a dementia care specialist for the area agency to administer the program.

(b) A specialist may work with the state dementia coordinator



under IC 12-9.1-5-4 to administer the program through the following actions:

- (1) Conducting education and outreach activities to increase community awareness of dementia and resources available to support individuals with dementia and their caregivers.
- (2) Consulting with and providing training to individuals, including area agency staff, who interact with an individual or a caregiver caring for a person who:
 - (A) has dementia; or
 - (B) suffers from symptoms of dementia or a related cognitive disease.
- (3) Establishing relationships with health care providers, health maintenance organizations, and other community-based organizations to serve as a liaison to facilitate increased contact and promote organizational care coordination and dementia-friendly activities.
- (4) Providing any other service that is determined to be appropriate by the division or area agency that supports the aims and goals of the dementia strategic plan under IC 12-9.1-5 or supports a data collection and evaluation plan to determine health outcomes tied to the dementia care specialist programming.

Sec. 5. A specialist may follow any guidelines or training requirements developed by the dementia care specialist coordinator under IC 12-9.1-5-4.

Sec. 6. The division may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement this chapter.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

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