

**SENATE BILL No. 281**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas department for aging and disability  
2 services; creating a dementia services coordinator position.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The secretary for aging and disability services shall  
6 appoint a dementia services coordinator and, within the limits of  
7 appropriations available therefor, such additional staff as necessary to  
8 support the coordinator. The dementia services coordinator shall be in the  
9 unclassified service and shall receive an annual fixed salary set by the  
10 secretary for aging and disability services.

11 (b) Within the limits of appropriations therefor, the dementia services  
12 coordinator shall:

13 (1) Coordinate and manage the Alzheimer's disease state plan  
14 implementation;

15 (2) assess and analyze dementia-specific data collected by relevant  
16 state agencies;

17 (3) evaluate existing state-funded dementia programs and services;

18 (4) assist in the development of dementia-specific training required  
19 by state law for certain professions;

20 (5) provide outreach services to the people of the state including  
21 educational and other activities designed to increase awareness of  
22 Alzheimer's disease and dementia;

23 (6) assist individuals across the state to access dementia care,  
24 including providing referrals to statewide resources for dementia care;

25 (7) streamline applicable state government services to increase  
26 efficiency and improve the quality of care in adult care homes and home  
27 and community-based settings;

28 (8) identify any duplication of services to eliminate unnecessary  
29 costs;

30 (9) identify and apply for grants to expand the scope of services while  
31 reducing state costs;

32 (10) coordinate Alzheimer's and dementia-related work groups and  
33 task forces;

34 (11) on or before the first day of each regular session of the  
35 legislature, prepare and submit a report of the coordinator's activities to the  
36 senate standing committee on public health and welfare and the house of

1 representatives standing committee on health and human services, or any  
2 successor committees thereto; and

3 (12) perform any other duty assigned by the secretary for aging and  
4 disability services to carry out the provisions of this section.

5 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
6 publication in the statute book.