

Proposed Conceptual Amendment – Senate Bill 329
Alzheimer's Association
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Background:

The following amendment is as a result of the concerns raised from stakeholders during the March 25th hearing, in particular the costs and resources it would be to require the currently licensed law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMTs.

First change would be to provide specifics to what the training would require, though it is not limited to these. This would allow for dementia training to be incorporated into current training to fulfill the requirement.

The second change would be to push back the date required for the certification to be provided to the be to allow for the curriculum to be developed. Additionally, this change would also be to limit the requirement to those who are newly licensed as of the implementation date for their initial certification.

Revise SB329 as follows:

Include the following training specifics as what the training would need to include.

The training should include, but not limited to;

- Instruction on the identification of a person with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;
- Risks associated with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, such as wandering, communication impairments, and adult maltreatment;
- Best practices for interacting with a person with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias; Psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias;
- Communication issues related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, including how to better question and interview affected persons to determine the most effective response; and
- Protocols for search and rescue specific to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

Additionally, change the date for when the training is required from October 1, 2025 to October 1, 2026, and only to those who would be newly licensed for the first time by this date.