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House of Representatives, January 31, 2019

**An Act To Create an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia
Coordinator Position within the Department of Health and Human
Services**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COOPER of Yarmouth,
FAY of Raymond, HICKMAN of Winthrop, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of
Waterville, PERRY of Calais.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5106, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

3 **4-A. Alzheimer's disease and dementia efforts.** Coordinate and implement
4 programs that provide services to the State's population with Alzheimer's disease and
5 other dementias. The department shall designate a coordinator to coordinate efforts
6 across departments and branches of State Government and implement any related state
7 plans developed by the department and recommendations that are beneficial to the State's
8 population with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and that are developed by the
9 United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control
10 and Prevention and national organizations with a recognized expertise in matters related
11 to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Other tasks of the coordinator include, but
12 are not limited to, collecting data on the incidence of Alzheimer's disease and other
13 dementias, increasing awareness and creating training programs to facilitate access to
14 services in all areas of the State, identifying and managing grants and contracts associated
15 with services and providing policy advice to departments, municipalities and community
16 organizations providing support and services to persons with Alzheimer's disease and
17 other dementias. The department shall submit a report no later than January 30th of each
18 year beginning in 2020 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
19 jurisdiction over health and human services matters that outlines the activities and
20 progress of the coordinator and the department regarding programs and services for the
21 State's population with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias;

22 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
23 allocations are made.

24 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
25 **Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

26 Initiative: Provides funding for one Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias
27 Coordinator position in the office of aging and disability services.

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29	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
30	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
31	Personal Services	\$80,883	\$83,769
32	All Other	\$6,286	\$6,286
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34	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$87,169</u>	<u>\$90,055</u>

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill establishes a position within the Department of Health and Human Services,
37 office of aging and disability services for coordinating programs and services to Maine's
38 population with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias across departments and
39 branches of State Government. The coordinator is required to implement

1 recommendations developed by the United States Department of Health and Human
2 Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and national organizations such as
3 the Alzheimer's Association and plans developed by the Department of Health and
4 Human Services relating to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The department is
5 required to submit an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
6 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters outlining the activities and
7 progress of the coordinator and the department. The bill includes funding for the
8 coordinator position.