



## 2020 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1278

Introduced by: **Representative Duba**

1 **An Act to create a dementia services coordinator position within the Department of**  
 2 **Human Services.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

5 **1-36A-31. Dementia services coordinator--Duties.**

6 There is created within the Department of Human Services a dementia services  
 7 coordinator position. The position is a full-time, permanent position appointed by the  
 8 secretary of human services. The duties and responsibilities of the coordinator shall  
 9 include the following:

- 10 (1) Facilitating coordination and support of policies and programs relating to  
 11 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias within the Department of Human  
 12 Services, the Department of Health, all other agencies of the executive branch of  
 13 state government, and the Legislature;
- 14 (2) Facilitating ongoing implementation of the state Alzheimer's plan, the triennial  
 15 update of the plan, and an annual progress report on the implementation of the  
 16 plan;
- 17 (3) Facilitating and supporting the coordination of outreach programs and services  
 18 among agencies, memory disorder facilities, and other interested groups for the  
 19 purpose of fostering public awareness and education on Alzheimer's disease and  
 20 related dementias;
- 21 (4) Facilitating coordination of services and activities among groups interested in  
 22 dementia research, programs, and services, including service providers, advocacy  
 23 groups, legal services, emergency personnel, law enforcement, and state colleges  
 24 and universities;
- 25 (5) Assessing and analyzing data related to the impact of Alzheimer's disease and other  
 26 dementias in the state;

- 1        (6) Evaluating state-funded dementia services;  
2        (7) Identifying and supporting the development of dementia-specific training; and  
3        (8) Identifying a minimum of one new viable funding opportunity, such as a federal  
4                grant or a private funding source, each year to benefit persons with Alzheimer's  
5                disease or other dementias and their families.  
6                There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of one dollar (\$1), or  
7                so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of Human Services, for the  
8                purpose of funding the Dementia Services Coordinator position.