

CHAPTER 2022-205

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 806

An act relating to Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia education and public awareness; creating s. 381.825, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring the Department of Health to educate certain health care practitioners regarding specified information related to Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 381.825, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

381.825 Education and public awareness relating to Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.—

(1) This section may be cited as the “Ramping up Education of Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia for You (READY) Act.”

(2) The Department of Health shall, through existing, relevant public health and community outreach programs, educate health care practitioners licensed under chapters 458, 459, and 464 on all of the following:

(a) The importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.

(b) Using a validated cognitive assessment tool.

(c) The value and effectiveness of the Medicare annual wellness visit in detecting Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.

(d) Using Medicare advance care planning billing codes for persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.

(e) Reducing the risk of cognitive decline, particularly among persons in diverse communities who are at greater risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2022.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 23, 2022.