

## SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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### SB 580 Alzheimer's Disease by Senator Wise

Directs the Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) to develop and implement a public education program relating to screening for memory impairment and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Provides criteria for awarding grants to entities to support the development, expansion, or operation of programs. Requires grant recipients to submit an evaluation that describes activities carried out with the funds received, the long-term effectiveness of such activities in promoting early detection of memory impairment, and any other information as the DOEA may require. Authorizes the department to provide technical support to grantees.

Requires the DOEA to conduct or support a study on memory impairment screening. Requires that the study analyze scientific evidence regarding techniques for memory screening, assess the availability of memory screening on a nationwide basis, and identify strategies to expand screening services through public-private partnerships to improve outcomes for patients and caregivers.

Provides for implementation of the public education program and the study on screening for memory impairment to operate within existing resources of the DOEA. Provides that implementation of the memory-impairment screening grant program is contingent upon appropriation of state funds or the availability of private resources.

Clarifies that a person who has completed Alzheimer's disease or other related disorders training does not have to repeat the training when changing employment to a different assisted living facility or nursing home, hospice, adult day care center, or home health agency. (See bill for details)