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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 388

Introduced by Assembly Member Limón

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An act to add Section 125284 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to Alzheimer's disease.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 388, as amended, Limón. Alzheimer's disease.

Existing law authorizes any postsecondary higher educational institution with a medical center to establish diagnostic and treatment centers for Alzheimer's disease, and requires the State Department of Public Health to administer grants to the postsecondary higher educational institutions that establish a center pursuant to these provisions.

This bill would require the department to implement the action agenda items in the Healthy Brain Initiative, as defined, and coordinate a statewide public awareness campaign to educate the public on the ~~sign's~~ *signs* and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and to reach consumers at risk of cognitive impairment, with targeted outreach to populations at greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease

and other dementias. The bill would also, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the department to establish a pilot program in up to 8 counties, *as specified*, and award participating counties one-time grant funding over 3 consecutive fiscal years, to develop local initiatives that are consistent with the Healthy Brain Initiative. The bill would require the department to conduct an evaluation of the pilot program and produce a report, to be submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 2023, describing best practices and making recommendations regarding which solutions and innovations are most feasible to replicate.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) In 2018, the United States Centers for Disease Control and
4 Prevention published the “Healthy Brain Initiative: State and Local
5 Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia, The 2018-2023
6 Road Map,” which established a nationwide framework for
7 addressing Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.

8 (b) The Healthy Brain Initiative advances cognitive health as
9 an integral component of public health, proposing 25 specific
10 actions in four traditional domains of public health.

11 (c) The action agenda included in the Healthy Brain Initiative
12 Road Map provides a foundation for the public health community
13 to anticipate and respond to the growing impact of Alzheimer’s
14 disease and other dementias on the nation and California, where
15 a 30 percent increase in the affected population is projected by
16 2025.

17 SEC. 2. Section 125284 is added to the Health and Safety Code,
18 to read:

19 125284. (a) In order to plan and prepare for a historic increase
20 in the population affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other
21 dementias, the department shall implement the action agenda items
22 identified in the Healthy Brain Initiative.

23 (b) The department shall expand California’s public health
24 infrastructure to ensure that brain health is integrated into chronic
25 disease prevention and health promotion efforts by coordinating

1 a statewide public awareness campaign focused on both of the
2 following:

3 (1) Educating the public on the signs and symptoms of
4 Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias in order to promote early
5 detection and timely diagnosis.

6 (2) Reaching consumers at risk of cognitive impairment, with
7 targeted outreach to populations at greater risk of developing
8 Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, including, but not limited
9 to, African Americans, Latinx, and women.

10 (c) (1) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the department
11 shall operate a pilot program in up to eight counties to develop
12 local initiatives consistent with the Healthy Brain Initiative.
13 *Counties selected for the pilot program shall include up to two*
14 *rural counties and at least one coastal county.* The department
15 shall provide one-time grant funding over three consecutive fiscal
16 years to pilot counties to assist in local planning and preparation
17 in one or more of the following areas:

18 (A) Education and empowerment of the public with regard to
19 brain health and cognitive aging.

20 (B) Mobilizing public and private partnerships to engage local
21 stakeholders in effective community-based interventions and best
22 practices.

23 (C) Ensuring a competent workforce by strengthening the
24 knowledge, skills, and abilities of ~~healthcare~~ *health care*
25 professionals who deliver care and services to people with
26 Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias and their family
27 caregivers.

28 (D) Monitoring data and evaluating programs to contribute to
29 evidence-based practice.

30 (2) The department shall establish a competitive request for
31 application process through which a county may apply to
32 participate in the pilot program operated pursuant to paragraph (1)
33 and receive grant funding. Counties that are selected to participate
34 in the pilot program shall, incorporate all of the following
35 fundamental planning principles:

36 (A) Eliminating health disparities.

37 (B) Collaborating across multiple sectors.

38 (C) Leveraging public and private resources for sustained
39 impact.

1 (3) (A) The department shall conduct an evaluation of the
2 community-based solutions and innovations implemented by each
3 pilot county and produce a consolidated report describing best
4 practices and making recommendations regarding which solutions
5 and innovations are most feasible to replicate. The department
6 shall provide a copy of the report to the Legislature by January 1,
7 2023.
8 (B) A report to be submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall
9 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
10 Code.
11 (d) For the purposes of this section, “Healthy Brain Initiative”
12 means the report “Healthy Brain Initiative: State and Local Public
13 Health Partnerships to Address Dementia, The 2018-2023 Road
14 Map,” published by the United States Centers for Disease Control
15 and Prevention.

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