

# SB0331



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB0331

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Sen. Laura Fine

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

320 ILCS 20/3.1 new

Amends the Adult Protective Services Act. Requires the Department on Aging to develop and implement a dementia training program that must include instruction on the identification of people with dementia, risks such as wandering, communication impairments, and elder abuse, and the best practices for interacting with people with dementia. Provides that training of at least 2 hours shall be completed at the start of employment with the Adult Protective Services division. Provides that the training shall cover the following subjects: (i) Alzheimer's disease and dementia; (ii) safety risks; and (iii) communication and behavior. Requires persons who are employees of the Adult Protective Services division on the effective date of the amendatory Act to complete this training within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that annual continuing education shall include at least 2 hours of dementia training covering the same subjects discussed during initial training. Grants the Department rulemaking authority.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning aging.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Adult Protective Services Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 3.1 as follows:

6 (320 ILCS 20/3.1 new)

7 Sec. 3.1. Adult protective services dementia training.

8 (a) This Section shall apply to any person who is employed  
9 by the Department in the Adult Protective Services division  
10 who works on the development and implementation of social  
11 services to respond to and prevent adult abuse, neglect, or  
12 exploitation.

13 (b) The Department shall develop and implement a dementia  
14 training program that must include instruction on the  
15 identification of people with dementia, risks such as  
16 wandering, communication impairments, and elder abuse, and the  
17 best practices for interacting with people with dementia.

18 (c) Training of at least 2 hours shall be completed at the  
19 start of employment with the Adult Protective Services  
20 division. Persons who are employees of the Adult Protective  
21 Services division on the effective date of this amendatory Act  
22 of the 102nd General Assembly shall complete this training  
23 within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory

1 Act of the 102nd General Assembly. The training shall cover  
2 the following subjects:

3 (1) Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

4 (2) Safety risks.

5 (3) Communication and behavior.

6 (d) Annual continuing education shall include at least 2  
7 hours of dementia training covering the subjects described in  
8 subsection (c).

9 (e) This Section is designed to address gaps in current  
10 dementia training requirements for Adult Protective Services  
11 officials and improve the quality of training. If laws or  
12 rules existing on the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
13 the 102nd General Assembly contain more rigorous training  
14 requirements for Adult Protective Service officials, those  
15 laws or rules shall apply. Where there is overlap between this  
16 Section and other laws and rules, the Department shall  
17 interpret this Section to avoid duplication of requirements  
18 while ensuring that the minimum requirements set in this  
19 Section are met.

20 (f) The Department may adopt rules for the administration  
21 of this Section.