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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Arndt and Howse

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill establishes a dementia care certificate issued by the Department of Aging to an individual, likely a health care professional, who meets the bill's requirements. This will increase administrative costs to the Department of Aging related to an increase in applications, as well as the time and resources it will take to develop the rules related to the provisions required by the bill. Some of these costs may be offset by an increase in fee revenue.

Detailed Analysis

The bill establishes a dementia care certificate issued by the Department of Aging. It also prohibits a person from using titles or acronyms indicating dementia care certification unless the person holds the Department's certificate. The bill specifies the qualifications one must have to receive the certificate, as well as the topics that must be covered in the education or training program. Training or education topics include the following: expectations of health care providers when caring for individuals with dementia; person-centered training and care planning (including cultural awareness); social and physical environment characteristics that trigger or exacerbate behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia; meaningful and engaging activities for individuals with dementia; pain assessment; medication management; family dynamics; general information about dementia; how to assist an individual with dementia with daily living activities; problem solving challenging behavior, including nonpharmacological intervention; and communication skills. The bill requires the Department of Aging to adopt any rules necessary to implement the bill's provisions, including the following: form and manner by which an individual is to apply for and renew a dementia care certificate; any application and renewal fees for the certificate; the duration of the certificate; any provisions for suspension or revocation of the certificate; and penalties for knowingly using titles, acronyms, or other words or letters indicating or implying certification in dementia care.

Fiscal impact

The bill may result in an increase of administrative costs related to an increase in the number of applications that must be processed by the Department, as well as the time it will take for staff to develop the rules needed to implement the bill's provisions. Additionally, there may be an increase in complaints related to the certificates that the Department will be required to investigate. The total cost is unknown at this time but would depend upon several factors, such as the demand for the certificate, the amount of time or resources it will take to create the rules required by the bill, and the amount of fee revenue generated from the applications. Overall, while the costs to the Department will increase, some of the fiscal impact may be mitigated by the increase in fee revenue from the applications for the certificate.