1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to Alzheimer's disease and related 3 forms of dementia education and public awareness; 4 creating s. 381.825, F.S.; providing a short title; 5 requiring the Department of Health to educate certain 6 licensed health care providers regarding specified 7 information related to Alzheimer's disease and related 8 forms of dementia; requiring the department to 9 encourage health care providers and facilities to prominently display such information; requiring the 10 11 department to encourage health care providers to discuss the risks of Alzheimer's disease and related 12 13 forms of dementia with certain patients; requiring the 14 department to post on its website certain resources 15 and a link to the Centers for Disease Control and 16 Prevention's website; authorizing the department to 17 fund certain outreach programs for specified purposes; 18 requiring the department to collaborate with other 19 state agencies and entities for specified purposes; providing an effective date. 20 21 22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 23

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Section 381.825, Florida Statutes, is created

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Section 1.

to read:

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26	381.825 Education and public awareness relating to
27	Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia
8 2	(1) This section may be cited as the "Ramping up Education
29	of Alzheimer's and Dementia for You (READY) Act."
30	(2) The Department of Health shall, through existing,
31	relevant public health and community outreach programs, educate
32	health care providers licensed under chapters 458, 459, and 464
33	regarding all of the following information:
3 4	(a) The importance of early detection and timely diagnosis
35	of Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.
36	(b) Using a validated cognitive assessment tool.
37	(c) The value and effectiveness of the Medicare annual
8 8	wellness visit in detecting Alzheimer's disease and related
39	forms of dementia.
10	(d) Using Medicare advance care planning billing codes for
11	persons with Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.
12	(e) Reducing the risk of cognitive decline, particularly
13	among persons in diverse communities who are at greater risk of
4	developing Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.
15	(3)(a) The Department of Health shall encourage health
16	care providers and health care facilities, including, but not
17	limited to, physicians, nurses, hospitals, rural health
8 8	networks, and county health departments to prominently display
19	information relating to Alzheimer's disease and related forms of
50	dementia, including the information specified in subsection (2)

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(b) The department shall also encourage health care providers to discuss the risks of Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia with patients 60 years of age and older.

- (4) The Department of Health shall post on its website resources and a link to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website for information regarding Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.
- outreach programs, using available federal and state funds appropriated for that purpose, which prioritize persons in underserved communities and provide information promoting public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia, including, but not limited to, brain health, risk reduction, early detection, and early diagnosis. The mobile and virtual outreach programs may also provide resources regarding Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia to the public and referrals to the Department of Elderly Affairs.
- (6) The Department of Health shall collaborate with other state agencies, including the Department of Elderly Affairs; associations or organizations, including the Alzheimer's Association; and public or private institutions to create a systematic approach for educating health care providers and promoting public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.

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

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