

## An act relating to Direct-Care

# SUPPORT Senate Bill 61

Senator Stephen Meredith (R, KY-5)

### The Direct-Care Workforce:

- Direct-care workers, which include Home-Health and Personal Service Aides, provide the bulk of the hands-on long-term care supports and services to this population, making it one of the largest and fastest growing workforces in the country; 1.1 million direct-care workers will be needed by 2024.
- Despite these statistics, the workforce lacks the training necessary to properly equip them to care for themselves and their clients safely.
- To effectively manage the complex needs of clients with dementia, dementia care competency among direct-care workers must be increased.

### Senate Bill 61:

- Keeping a patient with Alzheimer's in the home, as long and as safely as possible, is the best scenario for the individual, their care team and the economic health of the state.
- Senate Bill 61 aims to address the issues of the lack of dementia-specific, dementia-competent training among Kentucky's direct-care workforce, while strengthening consumer protections for the client, the employee and their employer.
- Under Senate Bill 61, staff that provide care to individuals with Alzheimer's will be required to undergo dementia specific, dementia-competent training, with THREE HOURS of annual continuing education.
- Providing these workers with the proper education and training they need can ALLEVIATE STRESS, provide increased job satisfaction and reduce turnover.

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75 hours of required training for CNAs, ZERO requirements for personal-service aides.

**"INADEQUATE care for an aging population."**

Institute of Medicine

**274,000**

family and professional caregivers providing more than **20 HOURS PER WEEK OF CARE**

more than  
**75,000**  
**KENTUCKIANS are LIVING with Alzheimer's**

**90%** KENTUCKIANS experiencing cognitive decline  
FY19  
are also managing **other chronic conditions**  
**HEART DISEASE, ASTHMA or DIABETES**

**5.8 MILLION**  
Americans are living with **ALZHEIMER'S**.  
By 2050, this number is projected to rise to nearly  
**14 MILLION**