## **ALZHEIMER'S Public Policy Issue**

## Kentucky Needs a **DEMENTIA COORDINATOR**

## **SUPPORT Senate Bill 74**

Senator Ralph Alvarado (R, KY-28)

- Senate Bill 74 would establish a full-time position in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with the title Dementia Services Coordinator.
- This position would be responsible for overseeing resources related to policy and services affecting Kentuckians living with dementia and their caregivers.
- The position will be responsible for implementing and updating Kentucky Alzheimer's State Plan, managing the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council, identifying and supporting the development of dementiaspecific trainings and applying for federal grants to expand the scope of services for Kentuckians with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, while reducing state costs.
- An updated state plan and functioning Council is crucial for creating a dementia-capable Kentucky and improving the quality of care and services.

Dementia Coordinators exist in the following states:

Georgia Mississippi Texas Hawaii **New Mexico** Utah

Virginia Illinois North Carolina

Washington Puerto Rico

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

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



**\$803 MILLION** in Medicaid costs for caring with someone with Alzheimer's

increase in geriatricians needed in Kentucky to care for growing Alzheimer's population by

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