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A *BILL to direct the Department of Health to include certain information regarding cognitive impairment in its public health outreach programs.*

Patrons—Dance, Ruff and Dunnavant

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Department of Health in partnership with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission, the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and the Alzheimer's Association, shall in its existing, relevant public health outreach programs incorporate information (i) to educate health care providers on the importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment, validated cognitive assessment tools, the value of a Medicare Annual Wellness visit for cognitive health, and the new Medicare care planning billing code for individuals with cognitive impairment and (ii) to increase understanding and awareness of early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, the value of early detection and diagnosis, and how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline, particularly among persons in diverse communities who are at greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.*