

Public Law 116–252
116th Congress

An Act

To amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act to improve the prevention of elder abuse and exploitation of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

Dec. 22, 2020
[S. 3703]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Alzheimer’s Awareness to Prevent Elder Abuse Act”.

SEC. 2. ADDRESSING ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE IN BEST PRACTICES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 101(b) of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21711(b)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (2) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively, and adjusting the margin accordingly;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively, and adjusting the margin accordingly;

(3) by striking “Not later than” and inserting the following: “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than”;

(4) in paragraph (1)(B), as so redesignated—

(A) in clause (ii), by inserting “, including witnesses who have Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias” after “other legal issues”; and

(B) in clause (iii), by striking “elder abuse cases,” and inserting “elder abuse cases (including victims and witnesses who have Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias),”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **TRAINING MATERIALS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In creating or compiling replication guides and training materials under paragraph (1)(B), the Elder Justice Coordinator shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, State, local, and Tribal adult protective services, aging, social, and human services agencies, Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies, and nationally recognized nonprofit associations with relevant expertise, as appropriate.

“(B) **UPDATING.**—The Elder Justice Coordinator shall—

“(i) review the best practices identified and replication guides and training materials created or compiled under paragraph (1)(B) to determine if the replication guides or training materials require updating; and

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Abuse Act.
34 USC 10101
note.

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“(ii) perform any necessary updating of the replication guides or training materials.”.

Effective dates.
34 USC 21711
note.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall—

- (1) take effect on the date of enactment of this Act; and
- (2) apply on and after the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. REPORT ON OUTREACH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(c)(2) of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21711(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (D) as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively, and adjusting the margin accordingly;

(2) by striking “a report detailing” and inserting the following: “a report—

“(A) detailing”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) with respect to the report by the Attorney General, including a link to the publicly available best practices identified under subsection (b)(1)(B) and the replication guides and training materials created or compiled under such subsection.”.

Public
information.

Time period.
34 USC 21711
note.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the report under section 101(c)(2) of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21711(c)(2)) submitted during the second year beginning after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter.

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