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SENATE BILL            ***161***

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to evaluate the direct care workforce and preparedness of long-term care and support services for aging adults with dementia or other cognitive brain injuries.

SPONSORS:            Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep. LeBrun, Hills. 32; Rep. Wall, Straf. 6

COMMITTEE:          Health and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to evaluate the direct care workforce and preparedness of long-term care and support services for aging adults with dementia or other cognitive brain injuries.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~.  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen*

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to evaluate the direct care workforce and preparedness of long-term care and support services for aging adults with dementia or other cognitive brain injuries.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            152:1 New Subdivision; Commission to Evaluate the Direct Care Workforce and Preparedness  
2 of Long-Term Care and Support Services for Aging Adults with Dementia or Other Cognitive Brain  
3 Injuries. Amend RSA 151-E by inserting after section 20 the following new subdivision:

4            Commission to Evaluate the Direct Care Workforce and Preparedness of Long-Term Care and  
5            Support Services for Aging Adults with Dementia or Other Cognitive Brain Injuries

6            151-E:21 Commission to Evaluate the Direct Care Workforce and Preparedness of Long-Term  
7 Care and Support Services for Aging Adults with Dementia or Other Cognitive Brain Injuries.

8            I. There is established a commission to evaluate the direct care workforce and preparedness  
9 of long-term care and support services for aging adults with dementia or other cognitive brain  
10 injuries. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

11                    (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

12                    (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house  
13 of representatives.

14                    (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

15                    (d) A representative of the Alzheimer's Association, appointed by the association.

16                    (e) A representative of AARP New Hampshire, appointed by AARP New Hampshire.

17                    (f) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the  
18 association.

19                    (g) One representative of the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire, appointed by  
20 the association.

21                    (h) A representative of a long-term care facility, appointed by the New Hampshire  
22 Health Care Association.

23                    (i) The long-term care ombudsman, or designee.

24                    (j) A representative of a statewide association representing nonprofit housing and  
25 senior services programming, appointed by the president of the senate.

26                    (k) A representative of Home Care Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the  
27 association.

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1           II.(a) The commission shall study the direct care workforce and preparedness of long-term  
2 care facilities to provide long-term care services and supports to the growing population of aging  
3 consumers with dementia and other cognitive brain injuries. Specifically, the commission's study  
4 shall include, but not be limited to:

5                   (1) Assessing the current direct care workforce data and establishing  
6 recommendations for improvement.

7                   (2) Assessing the infrastructure for supporting the efficient provision of long-term  
8 services and support mechanisms for ensuring quality.

9                   (3) Assessing the current training and credentialing infrastructure and making any  
10 recommendations for strengthening the current system, including strategies for increasing the  
11 professionalism of the work force.

12               (b) The commission shall solicit information from any person or entity the commission  
13 deems relevant to its study.

14           III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.  
15 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first  
16 meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven  
17 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

18           IV. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
19 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate  
20 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2017.

21           152:2 Repeal. RSA 151-E:21, relative to a commission to evaluate the direct care workforce and  
22 preparedness of long-term care and support services for aging adults with dementia or other  
23 cognitive brain injuries, is repealed.

24           152:3 Effective Date.

25               I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2017.

              II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 16, 2017

Effective Date:

I. Section 2 effective December 1, 2017

II. Remainder effective June 16, 2017