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# HB 2202

Introduced by  
Representative Bliss

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of health services; appropriations;  
3 grant; dementia care telementoring program;  
4 annual report; delayed repeal

5 A. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
6 in each of fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 to the  
7 department of health services to provide a grant to implement a dementia  
8 care telementoring program to disseminate information regarding dementia  
9 care and best practices to health care providers statewide.

10 B. The department of health services shall provide a grant with the  
11 monies appropriated pursuant to subsection A of this section to an  
12 organization located in this state that demonstrates all of the following:

- 13 1. Experience operating telementoring programs.
- 14 2. Expertise in neurology and best practices in dementia detection,  
15 diagnosis and care management.
- 16 3. Capacity to deliver services statewide.

17 C. The dementia care telementoring program shall provide a virtual  
18 connection for health care providers and content experts and include  
19 didactics, case studies and an emphasis on practice transformation and  
20 systems-level issues that affect care delivery. The program shall serve  
21 communities in this state and shall prioritize improving health care  
22 provider education within this state's rural and underserved communities.  
23 The department of health services shall ensure that the telementoring  
24 program is evidence-based and reflects current best practices in dementia  
25 detection, diagnosis and care management.

26 D. The organization that receives the grant pursuant to subsection  
27 B of this section shall do all of the following:

- 28 1. Develop and implement an outreach and recruitment plan to  
29 promote participation and retention in the telementoring program.
- 30 2. Provide virtual, case-based telementoring sessions for health  
31 care providers.
- 32 3. Offer continuing medical education or continuing education unit  
33 credits.
- 34 4. Collect and report participation and outcomes data to the  
35 department.

36 E. The department of health services shall annually publish a  
37 summary report on the department's public website.

38 F. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2029.