



## 2019 SENATE BILL 603

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1     **AN ACT to create** 50.067 of the statutes; **relating to:** Alzheimer's and dementia  
2             training for direct care and support services workers.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the following training to be completed by employees or contractors of adult family homes, community-based residential facilities, home health agencies, nursing homes, or residential care apartment complexes who provide care or support services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia: 1) at least six hours of initial training on dementia; and 2) at least two hours of advanced training on dementia to be completed during every two years after the initial training.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 50.067 of the statutes is created to read:  
4             **50.067 Required training; Alzheimer's and dementia. (1) DEFINITIONS.**  
5             In this section:

**SENATE BILL 603****SECTION 1**

1 (a) "Entity" means an adult family home, a community-based residential  
2 facility, a home health agency, a nursing home, or a residential care apartment  
3 complex.

4 (b) "Entity worker" means all of the following:

5 1. An employee or contractor of an entity who provides care for and has regular  
6 contact with a client of an entity who has Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

7 2. An employee or contractor of an entity who provides support services to and  
8 has regular contact with a client of an entity who has Alzheimer's disease or  
9 dementia.

10 (c) "Initial training" means training on the causes, progression, and  
11 management of Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia disorders,  
12 understanding dementia, effectively communicating with individuals with  
13 dementia, assisting individuals with dementia in performing activities of daily  
14 living, problem solving with individuals with dementia who exhibit challenging  
15 behavior, techniques for creating an environment that minimizes challenging  
16 behavior, fundamentals of dementia care, dysphagia, safe environments, and  
17 managing the activities of individuals with dementia.

18 **(2) ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA TRAINING.** (a) *Initial requirement.* A person shall  
19 complete at least 6 hours of initial training before the person first begins as an entity  
20 worker to provide care or support services or have regular contact with a client who  
21 has Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

22 (b) *Ongoing requirement.* An entity worker shall complete at least 2 hours of  
23 advanced training on caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related  
24 dementias during the 2-year period following the time the entity worker completes  
25 training under par. (a) and during every 2-year period thereafter.

**SENATE BILL 603****1 SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2 (1) CURRENT DIRECT CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICE WORKERS. Notwithstanding s.  
3 50.067 (2) (a), a person who as an entity worker, as defined in s. 50.067 (1) (b),  
4 provides care or support services or has regular contact with a client who has  
5 Alzheimer's disease or dementia on the effective date of this subsection, shall  
6 complete at least 6 hours of initial training, as defined in s. 50.067 (1) (c), within 12  
7 months after the effective date of this subsection.

8 (END)