

1-1 By: Capriglione (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3376
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to training on Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related
1-16 disorders for certain guardians.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 155.203(b), Government Code, is amended
1-19 to read as follows:

1-20 (b) In adopting rules under this section, the supreme court
1-21 shall ensure that:

1-22 (1) the commission is required to provide confirmation
1-23 of a person's completion of the training required by Section
1-24 155.204(a)(1) and a copy of the person's criminal history
1-25 background check to the probate court not later than the 10th day
1-26 before the date of the hearing to appoint a guardian; and

1-27 (2) a probate court is required to ensure a guardian's
1-28 timely completion of the training required by Section
1-29 155.204(a)(2), unless the training is waived by the probate court
1-30 as provided by Section 155.204(a)(3).

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 155.204, Government Code, is amended by
1-32 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
1-33 follows:

1-34 (a) In adopting rules under Section 155.203, the supreme
1-35 court shall:

1-36 (1) subject to Subdivision (3) ~~[(2)]~~, ensure that
1-37 before a person is appointed guardian, the person completes a
1-38 training course:

1-39 (A) designed by the commission to educate
1-40 proposed guardians about their responsibilities as guardians,
1-41 alternatives to guardianships, supports and services available to
1-42 the proposed ward, and a ward's bill of rights under Section
1-43 1151.351, Estates Code; and

1-44 (B) made available for free to proposed guardians
1-45 by the commission online via the commission's Internet website and,
1-46 on request, in a written format; ~~and~~

1-47 (2) subject to Subdivision (3) and Subsection (a-1),
1-48 require that not later than the sixth month after the date a
1-49 guardian is appointed and at least once a year, the guardian
1-50 completes a one-hour training course:

1-51 (A) provided to educate guardians on Alzheimer's
1-52 disease, dementia, and related disorders, including providing
1-53 information about:

1-54 (i) common aspects of aging;
1-55 (ii) warning signs of dementia and
1-56 Alzheimer's disease;

1-57 (iii) effective strategies for
1-58 communicating with a person who is diagnosed with dementia or
1-59 Alzheimer's disease; and

1-60 (iv) effective strategies and resources
1-61 available for supporting a person who is diagnosed with dementia or

Alzheimer's disease in exercising the person's rights; and
(B) made available for free to guardians by the
commission online via the commission's Internet website; and
(3) identify the circumstances under which a court may
waive the training required under this section.

(a-1) Subsection (a)(2) applies only to the appointment of a
guardian of the person or the estate, or both, of a ward who is:

(1) 60 years of age or older; or
(2) younger than 60 years of age if the ward has been
diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a related
disorder.

SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas
Supreme Court shall adopt the rules required under Sections 155.203
and 155.204, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2026, the Judicial Branch
Certification Commission shall make available on the commission's
Internet website the course required by Section 155.204(a)(2),
Government Code, as amended by this Act.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 155.204(a), Government Code, as
amended by this Act, a guardian appointed before July 1, 2026, who
is required to complete the training required by Section
155.204(a)(2), Government Code, as amended by this Act, shall
complete the initial training required by that section not later
than September 1, 2026.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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