Cognitive Impairment Training; HB 2536

HB 2536 prohibits a court from appointing a person as a guardian for an adult diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a similar neurological condition until the person to be appointed files an affidavit with the court verifying completion of an approved training program. The bill authorizes the court to waive the training if it is in the best interest of the adult diagnosed with the condition, and any such waiver will be entered into the record of proceedings.

Training Program

The Secretary for Aging and Disability Services (Secretary) is required to approve training programs for proposed guardians of adults who have cognitive impairment or are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a similar neurological condition.

The training provides specific guidance for proposed guardians, including:

- Common aspects of normal aging;
- Warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia;
- Effective strategies for communicating with such adults; and
- Effective strategies and resources available for supporting such adults in exercising their rights.

Program approval applications are filed with the Secretary in a manner the Secretary directs. The bill authorizes the Secretary to suspend or revoke approval if the Secretary finds a program is not in compliance with the established criteria pursuant to the bill or rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the bill.

The Secretary is required to adopt rules and regulations to administer the provisions of the bill. The bill is part of and supplemental to the Kansas Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship and Other Protective Arrangements Act.