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A BILL

To amend sections 5101.85, 5101.851, and 5101.853;	1
to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new	2
section number as indicated in parentheses,	3
section 5101.853 (5101.855); to enact new section	4
5101.853 and sections 5101.854 and 5101.856; and	5
to repeal section 5101.852 of the Revised Code to	6
require a region-based kinship care navigator	7
program and to make an appropriation.	8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 5101.85, 5101.851, and 5101.853 be	9
amended; section 5101.853 (5101.855) be amended for the purpose	10
of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses; and	11
new section 5101.853 and sections 5101.854 and 5101.856 of the	12
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	13

Sec. 5101.85. As used in sections 5101.851 to ~~5101.853~~ 14
5101.856 of the Revised Code, "kinship caregiver" means any of 15
the following who is eighteen years of age or older and is 16
caring for a child in place of the child's parents: 17

(A) The following individuals related by blood or adoption 18
to the child: 19

(1) Grandparents, including grandparents with the prefix 20
"great," "great-great," or "great-great-great"; 21

(2) Siblings; 22

(3) Aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces, including such 23
relatives with the prefix "great," "great-great," "grand," or 24
"great-grand"; 25

(4) First cousins and first cousins once removed. 26

(B) Stepparents and stepsiblings of the child; 27

(C) Spouses and former spouses of individuals named in 28
divisions (A) and (B) of this section; 29

(D) A legal guardian of the child; 30

(E) A legal custodian of the child; 31

(F) Any nonrelative adult that has a familiar and long- 32
standing relationship or bond with the child or the family, 33
which relationship or bond will ensure the child's social ties. 34

Sec. 5101.851. The department of job and family services 35
~~may shall~~ establish a statewide ~~program of~~ kinship care 36
~~navigators~~ navigator program to assist kinship caregivers who 37
are seeking information regarding, or assistance obtaining, 38
services and benefits available at the state and local level 39
that address the needs of those caregivers residing in each 40

county. The program shall provide to kinship caregivers 41
information and referral services and assistance obtaining 42
support services including the following: 43

(A) Publicly funded child care; 44

(B) Respite care; 45

(C) Training related to caring for special needs children; 46

(D) A toll-free telephone number that may be called to 47
obtain basic information about the rights of, and services 48
available to, kinship caregivers; 49

(E) Legal services. 50

Sec. 5101.853. The director of job and family services 51
shall divide the state into not less than five and not greater 52
than twelve regions, for the kinship care navigator program 53
under section 5101.851 of the Revised Code. The director shall 54
take the following into consideration when establishing the 55
regions: 56

(A) The population size; 57

(B) The estimated number of kinship caregivers; 58

(C) The expertise of kinship navigators; 59

(D) Any other factor the director considers relevant. 60

Sec. 5101.854. The program in each kinship care navigator 61
region established under section 5101.853 of the Revised Code 62
shall provide information and referral services and assistance 63
in obtaining support services for kinship caregivers within its 64
region. 65

Sec. ~~5101.853~~5101.855. The Not later than one year after 66
the effective date of this amendment, the department of job and 67

family services ~~may~~shall adopt rules to implement the kinship 68
care ~~navigators~~navigator program. The rules shall be adopted 69
under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that rules 70
governing fiscal and administrative matters related to 71
implementation of the ~~navigators~~ program are internal management 72
rules and shall be adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised 73
Code. 74

Sec. 5101.856. (A) (1) The kinship care navigator program 75
shall be funded to the extent that general revenue funds have 76
been appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose. 77

(2) The director of job and family services shall take any 78
action necessary to obtain funds available for the kinship care 79
navigator program under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 80
94 Stat. 501 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 670, as amended. 81

(B) The department shall pay the full nonfederal share for 82
the kinship care navigator program. No county department of job 83
and family services or public children services agency shall be 84
responsible for the cost of the program. 85

Section 2. That existing sections 5101.85, 5101.851, and 86
5101.853 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 87

Section 3. That section 5101.852 of the Revised Code is 88
hereby repealed. 89

Section 4. All items in this section are hereby 90
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state 91
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all 92
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are 93
for fiscal year 2020 and those in the second column are for 94
fiscal year 2021. The appropriations made in this act are in 95
addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2020-FY 96

2021 biennium.			97
JFS DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES			98
General Revenue Fund			99
GRF 600523 Family and Children Services	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	100
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	101
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	102
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES			103
The foregoing appropriation item 600523, Family and			104
Children Services, shall be used to support the Kinship Care			105
Navigator Program. All appropriated amounts may be used to match			106
eligible federal Title IV-E funds.			107
Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the			108
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts			109
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation			110
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in			111
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures			112
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for			113
as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the			114
133rd General Assembly.			115
The appropriations made in this act are subject to all			116
provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 133rd			117
General Assembly that are generally applicable to such			118
appropriations.			119