

As Re-Referred by the House Rules and Reference Committee

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Am. H. B. No. 14

Representatives Boyd, Baldridge

Cosponsor: Representative Lepore-Hagan

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 caring 16
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
<u>(F) Any nonrelative adult that has a familiar and long-</u>	32
<u>standing relationship or bond with the child or the family,</u>	33
<u>which relationship or bond will ensure the child's social ties.</u>	34
Sec. 5101.851. The department of job and family services	35
may shall establish a statewide program of kinship care	36
navigators <u>navigator program</u> 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
<u>Sec. 5101.856. (A) (1) The kinship care navigator program</u>	75
<u>shall be funded to the extent that general revenue funds have</u>	76
<u>been appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose.</u>	77
<u>(2) The director of job and family services shall take any</u>	78
<u>action necessary to obtain funds available for the kinship care</u>	79
<u>navigator program under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act,"</u>	80
<u>94 Stat. 501 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 670, as amended.</u>	81
<u>(B) The department shall pay the full nonfederal share for</u>	82
<u>the kinship care navigator program. No county department of job</u>	83
<u>and family services or public children services agency shall be</u>	84
<u>responsible for the cost of the program.</u>	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
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TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	102
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FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES			103
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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