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Hambley, Howse, Miller, A., Rogers, Skindell, West**

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 to the child:	18 19
(1) Grandparents, including grandparents with the prefix "great," "great-great," or "great-great-great";	20 21
(2) Siblings;	22
(3) Aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces, including such relatives with the prefix "great," "great-great," "grand," or "great-grand";	23 24 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 divisions (A) and (B) of this section;	28 29
(D) A legal guardian of the child;	30
(E) A legal custodian of the child;	31
(F) <u>Any nonrelative adult that has a familiar and long-standing relationship or bond with the child or the family, which relationship or bond will ensure the child's social ties.</u>	32 33 34
Sec. 5101.851. The department of job and family services may shall establish a statewide program of kinship care navigators <u>navigator program</u> to assist kinship caregivers who are seeking information regarding, or assistance obtaining, services and benefits available at the state and local level that address the needs of those caregivers residing in each county. The program shall provide to kinship caregivers information and referral services and assistance obtaining support services including the following:	35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 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 obtain basic information about the rights of, and services available to, kinship caregivers;	47 48 49
(E) Legal services.	50
<u>Sec. 5101.853. The director of job and family services</u>	51
<u>shall divide the state into not less than five and not greater</u>	52
<u>than twelve regions, for the kinship care navigator program</u>	53
<u>under section 5101.851 of the Revised Code. The director shall</u>	54
<u>take the following into consideration when establishing the</u>	55
<u>regions:</u>	56
<u>(A) The population size;</u>	57
<u>(B) The estimated number of kinship caregivers;</u>	58
<u>(C) The expertise of kinship navigators;</u>	59
<u>(D) Any other factor the director considers relevant.</u>	60
<u>Sec. 5101.854. The program in each kinship care navigator</u>	61
<u>region established under section 5101.853 of the Revised Code</u>	62
<u>shall provide information and referral services and assistance</u>	63
<u>in obtaining support services for kinship caregivers within its</u>	64
<u>region.</u>	65
<u>Sec. 5101.8535101.855. The</u> Not later than one year after	66
<u>the effective date of this amendment, the department of job and</u>	67
<u>family services</u> may <u>shall</u> adopt rules to implement the kinship	68
<u>care</u> navigators <u>navigator</u> program. The rules shall be adopted	69
<u>under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that rules</u>	70
<u>governing fiscal and administrative matters related to</u>	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