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A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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(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 the child identifies as having 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 35
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:	36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
(A) Publicly funded child care;	45
(B) Respite care;	46

(C) Training related to caring for special needs children; 47

(D) A toll-free telephone number that may be called to 48
obtain basic information about the rights of, and services 49
available to, kinship caregivers; 50

(E) Legal services. 51

Sec. 5101.853. The director of job and family services 52
shall divide the state into not less than five and not greater 53
than twelve regions, for the kinship care navigator program 54
under section 5101.851 of the Revised Code. The director shall 55
take the following into consideration when establishing the 56
regions: 57

(A) The population size; 58

(B) The estimated number of kinship caregivers; 59

(C) The expertise of kinship navigators; 60

(D) Any other factor the director considers relevant. 61

Sec. 5101.854. The program in each kinship care navigator 62
region established under section 5101.853 of the Revised Code 63
shall provide information and referral services and assistance 64
in obtaining support services for kinship caregivers within its 65
region. 66

Sec. ~~5101.853~~5101.855. The Not later than one year after 67
the effective date of this amendment, the department of job and 68
family services may shall adopt rules to implement the kinship 69
care navigators navigator program. The rules shall be adopted 70
under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that rules 71
governing fiscal and administrative matters related to 72
implementation of the navigators program are internal management 73
rules and shall be adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised 74

Code. 75

Sec. 5101.856. (A) (1) The kinship care navigator program 76
shall be funded to the extent that general revenue funds have 77
been appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose. 78

(2) The director of job and family services shall take any 79
action necessary to obtain funds available for the kinship care 80
navigator program under Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 81
94 Stat. 501 (1980), 42 U.S.C. 670, as amended. 82

(B) The department shall pay the full nonfederal share for 83
the kinship care navigator program. No county department of job 84
and family services or public children services agency shall be 85
responsible for the cost of the program. 86

Section 2. That existing sections 5101.85, 5101.851, and 87
5101.853 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 88

Section 3. All items in this section are hereby 89
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state 90
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all 91
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are 92
for fiscal year 2020 and those in the second column are for 93
fiscal year 2021. The appropriations made in this act are in 94
addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2020-FY 95
2021 biennium. 96

JFS DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES 97

General Revenue Fund 98

GRF 600523 Family and Children Services \$5,000,000 \$5,000,000 99

TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund \$5,000,000 \$5,000,000 100

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$5,000,000 \$5,000,000 101

FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES 102

The foregoing appropriation item 600523, Family and 103
Children Services, shall be used to support the Kinship Care 104
Navigator Program. All appropriated amounts may be used to match 105
eligible federal Title IV-E funds. 106

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 107
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 108
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 109
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 110
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 111
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for 112
as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 113
133rd General Assembly. 114

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 115
provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 133rd 116
General Assembly that are generally applicable to such 117
appropriations. 118