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**A BILL**

To amend section 5101.851 and to enact sections 1  
5101.855 and 5101.856 of the Revised Code to 2  
provide foster care maintenance payments for 3  
children in the care of a kinship caregiver 4  
without requiring the caregiver to be certified 5  
to provide foster care and to require, rather 6  
than permit, the creation of the statewide 7  
program of kinship care navigators. 8

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

**Section 1.** That section 5101.851 be amended and sections 9  
5101.855 and 5101.856 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 10  
follows: 11

**Sec. 5101.851.** The department of job and family services 12  
~~may shall~~ establish a statewide program of kinship care 13  
navigators to assist kinship caregivers who are seeking 14  
information regarding, or assistance obtaining, services and 15  
benefits available at the state and local level that address the 16  
needs of those caregivers residing in each county. The program 17

shall provide to kinship caregivers information and referral 18  
services and assistance obtaining support services including the 19  
following: 20

(A) Publicly funded child care; 21

(B) Respite care; 22

(C) Training related to caring for special needs children; 23

(D) A toll-free telephone number that may be called to 24  
obtain basic information about the rights of, and services 25  
available to, kinship caregivers; 26

(E) Legal services. 27

Sec. 5101.855. (A) As used in this section, "kinship 28  
caregiver" has the same meaning as in section 5101.85 of the 29  
Revised Code. 30

(B) The department of job and family services shall adopt 31  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 32  
establishing a process through which a kinship caregiver to a 33  
child eligible for foster care maintenance payments under Title 34  
IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C. 670 35  
(1980), as amended, can be approved to provide foster care for 36  
the child without obtaining a certificate under section 5103.03 37  
of the Revised Code. The process shall be consistent with Title 38  
IV-E of the Social Security Act. 39

(C) The department shall adopt the rules required under 40  
division (B) of this section not later than eighteen months 41  
after the effective date of this section. 42

Sec. 5101.856. The department of job and family services 43  
shall pay the full nonfederal share for the kinship caregiver 44  
program. No public services agency shall be responsible for the 45

<u>cost of any of the following:</u>	46
<u>(A) Foster care maintenance payments made pursuant to</u>	47
<u>section 5101.855 of the Revised Code;</u>	48
<u>(B) The maintenance of the process under section 5101.855</u>	49
<u>of the Revised Code;</u>	50
<u>(C) Kinship care navigators under section 5101.851 of the</u>	51
<u>Revised Code.</u>	52
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 5101.851 of the Revised	53
Code is hereby repealed.	54