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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7586**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1406

**NOTE PREPARED:** May 1, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 9, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Kinship Caregivers.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Dickinson

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Lubbers

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Department of Child Services to: (1) collaborate with nonprofit community-based agencies to develop a grant proposal for submission to potential funding sources for the purpose of establishing kinship care navigator pilot projects to assist kinship caregivers with understanding and navigating the system of services for children; and (2) report annually to the Legislative Council and the Governor on the kinship care navigator pilot projects. The bill establishes requirements for: (1) the pilot projects; and (2) kinship care navigators. It provides that implementation of the kinship care navigator pilot projects is contingent upon receipt of nonstate or private funding for the projects.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill requires the Department of Child Services (DCS) to collaborate with at least one nonprofit community-based agency to develop a grant proposal for submission to potential funding sources, including governmental entities and private foundations, to establish a minimum of three kinship care navigator pilot projects to assist kinship caregivers with understanding and navigating the system of services for children in out-of-home care. The proposal must seek to establish at least one kinship care navigator pilot project in Northern Indiana, Central Indiana, and Southern Indiana with each project managed by a participating community-based agency. The bill states that implementation of the kinship care navigator pilot projects are contingent upon receipt of nonstate or private funding for the pilot projects.

The bill also requires the DCS to report annually to the Legislative Council and the Governor on the implementation of the kinship care navigator pilot projects with recommendations on statewide implementation of the pilot projects beginning one year after implementation of the pilot projects.

The DCS should be able to complete the requirements of the bill within its existing level of resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Child Services.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Department of Child Services.

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