



February 16, 2007

HOUSE BILL No. 1406

DIGEST OF HB 1406 (Updated February 14, 2007 1:47 pm - DI 107)

Citations Affected: IC 31-9; IC 31-25.

Synopsis: Kinship caregivers. 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. Establishes requirements for: (1) the pilot projects; and (2) kinship care navigators. Provides that implementation of the kinship care navigator pilot projects is contingent upon receipt of nonstate or private funding for the projects.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

Dickinson, Summers

January 16, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.
February 15, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-72.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2007]: **Sec. 72.5. (a) "Kinship caregiver", for purposes of**
4 **IC 31-25-2-20, means a person who is:**
5 (1) **at least eighteen (18) years of age;**
6 (2) **related to a child by blood, adoption, or marriage or is a**
7 **godparent or stepparent of the child; and**
8 (3) **the primary caregiver for and provider of financial**
9 **support of a child described in subdivision (2) who is residing**
10 **with the person.**
11 (b) **The term includes a grandparent, a great grandparent, a**
12 **sibling, an uncle, an aunt, a nephew, a niece, or a first cousin.**
13 SECTION 2. IC 31-9-2-72.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
14 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
15 1, 2007]: **Sec. 72.6. "Kinship care navigator", for purposes of**
16 **IC 31-25-2-20, means a person that assists kinship caregivers with**
17 **understanding and navigating the system of services for children**

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1 in out-of-home care under the pilot projects established under
2 IC 31-25-2-20.

3 SECTION 3. IC 31-25-2-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
5 1, 2007]: Sec. 20. (a) The department shall collaborate with at least
6 one (1) nonprofit community based agency to develop a grant
7 proposal for submission to potential funding sources, including
8 governmental entities and private foundations, to establish a
9 minimum of two (2) kinship care navigator pilot projects to assist
10 kinship care givers with understanding and navigating the system
11 of services for children in out-of-home care.

12 (b) The proposal under subsection (a) must seek to establish at
13 least one (1) kinship care navigator pilot project in:

- 14 (1) eastern Indiana; and
- 15 (2) western Indiana;

16 with each project managed by a participating community based
17 agency.

18 (c) A person who acts as a kinship care navigator under the
19 kinship care navigator pilot project shall be required to do the
20 following:

- 21 (1) Have an understanding of the various state agency systems
22 serving kinship care givers.
- 23 (2) Work in partnership with local community service
24 providers.
- 25 (3) Track trends, concerns, and other factors related to
26 kinship care givers.
- 27 (4) Assist in establishing stable, respectful relationships
28 between kinship care givers and department staff.

29 (d) The implementation of the kinship care navigator pilot
30 projects are contingent upon receipt of nonstate or private funding
31 for the pilot projects.

32 (e) The department shall report annually to the:

- 33 (1) legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6;
- 34 and
- 35 (2) governor;

36 on the implementation of the kinship care navigator pilot projects
37 with recommendations on statewide implementation of the pilot
38 projects beginning one (1) year after implementation of the pilot
39 projects.

40 (f) The report under subsection (e) must:

- 41 (1) provide data that demonstrates whether the kinship care
42 navigator pilot projects reduced barriers of access to services

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- 1 **by kinship caregivers;**
- 2 **(2) identify statutory and administrative barriers for kinship**
- 3 **caregivers; and**
- 4 **(3) provide recommendations to reduce or eliminate the**
- 5 **barriers to services without adverse consequences to children**
- 6 **placed with kinship caregivers.**
- 7 **(g) This SECTION expires January 1, 2011.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1406, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 6, delete "marriage;" and insert "**marriage or is a godparent or stepparent of the child;**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1406 as introduced.)

SUMMERS, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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