

First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1500

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

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

SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-72.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 72.7. "Kinship care navigator program", for purposes of IC 31-25-2-25, means the program established by the department of child services to assist kinship caregivers in learning about, finding, and using programs and services to meet the needs of the caregivers and of the children the caregivers are raising, and to promote effective partnerships among public and private agencies to ensure kinship caregiver families are served.**

SECTION 2. IC 31-25-2-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 25. The department shall submit a report, not later than December 31 of each year, to the general assembly concerning the kinship navigator program. The report must include the following information:**

- (1) How the program has provided outreach to kinship care families, including by establishing, publishing, and updating a kinship care Internet web site and other relevant guides or outreach materials.**
- (2) How the program has coordinated with other state or local agencies that promote service coordination and provide**

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information and referral services.

(3) How the program has established partnerships between public and private agencies, including schools, community based or faith based organizations, and relevant government agencies, to increase the agencies' knowledge of the needs of kinship care families, current foster families, or potential foster families and promote better services for families.

(4) Any other information regarding how the program is supporting any other activities designed to assist kinship caregivers in obtaining benefits and services to improve their caregiving.

A report submitted under this section must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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