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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 462, L.D. 633, Bill, "An Act To Create a Permanent Navigator Position within the Department of Health and Human Services"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Create a Kinship Care Navigator Program within the Department of Health and Human Services'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 1065 is enacted to read:**

**CHAPTER 1065**

**KINSHIP CARE NAVIGATOR PROGRAM**

**§3931. Kinship care navigator program**

**1. Kinship care defined.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "kinship care" means the care of a child on a temporary or permanent basis, by a person who is not the child's parent but who is either a relative or a person who has a close relationship with the child, whether or not the department was involved with the placement of the child with the person.

**2. Program established.** The kinship care navigator program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," is established within the department to provide resources and information to persons providing kinship care to children in the State. The commissioner shall designate one person to administer the program.

**3. Services.** The program may:

**A. Identify and coordinate existing resources available to persons providing kinship care to children;**

B. Develop collaborative working relationships with state agencies, social services agencies and other organizations serving persons providing kinship care to children; and

C. Provide to persons providing kinship care to children referrals to available resources and information about the means of obtaining services from the department.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

Initiative: Provides one Social Services Program Manager position to administer all issues related to the placement of a child with a relative.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$69,786	\$72,343
All Other	\$4,606	\$4,606
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,392</b>	<b>\$76,949</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Personal Services	\$27,139	\$28,133
All Other	\$3,222	\$3,271
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,361</b>	<b>\$31,404</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, replaces the bill. It establishes within the Department of Health and Human Services the kinship care navigator program to provide resources and information to persons providing kinship care to children in the State. It requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to designate one person to administer the program. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



Approved: 04/18/19 *MDC*

# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 633

LR 1827(02)

## An Act To Create a Permanent Navigator Position within the Department of Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-195)*

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$74,392	\$76,949	\$79,788	\$82,848
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$74,392	\$76,949	\$79,788	\$82,848
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$30,361	\$31,404	\$32,563	\$33,813
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$30,361	\$31,405	\$32,564	\$33,813

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$74,392 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$76,949 in fiscal year 2020-21 for one Social Services Program Manager position to administer all issues related to the placement of a child with a relative. Other Special Revenue Funds allocations will also be required for the federal funds match for the position.