

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 462

House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

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

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.  
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and  
Representatives: COREY of Windham, KESCHL of Belgrade, MADIGAN of Waterville,  
STOVER of Boothbay, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4010-D** is enacted to read:

3 **§4010-D. Kinship care and relative placement administration**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Kinship care" means the placement of a child with a relative on a temporary or  
7 permanent basis. The placement may or may not involve the participation of the  
8 department.

9 B. "Relative placement" means the use of a relative as a temporary placement for a  
10 child in the custody of the department or a comparable department in another state  
11 while the child and the child's parents are engaged in a rehabilitation and  
12 reunification process under subchapter 5.

13 **2. Administrator.** The commissioner shall appoint one person to administer all  
14 issues related to kinship care and relative placement.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to appoint one  
17 person to administer all issues related to the placement of a child with a relative.