

KINSHIP CAREGIVER NAVIGATOR ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 178 of 2020

***** 400.813 THIS SECTION IS INEFFECTIVE PENDING POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION OF HB
5443 PURSUANT TO CONST 1963, ART IV, § 33 *****

400.813 Kinship caregiver navigator program; establish; attachment requirements; third-party contract for services; website; toll-free telephone number.

Sec. 3. (1) The department shall establish and maintain the kinship caregiver navigator program.

(2) Before participating in the navigator program, the department must submit to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families an attachment to the state title IV-E plan. The attachment must include, at a minimum, all of the following:

(a) The kinship navigator model the department shall utilize to create the program. The department must provide an assurance that this model meets the requirements of federal law.

(b) The date the navigator program began or will begin.

(c) Information describing the navigator program target population and service area.

(d) Information on how the department will implement the navigator program.

(3) The department shall enter into a contract with a third party to provide navigator services to kinship caregivers.

(4) In addition to providing navigator services, the navigator services provider shall establish a website regarding local support groups, resources, and services for kinship caregivers. The website must provide, at a minimum, information on the following:

(a) Outreach.

(b) Educational information.

(c) Training materials.

(d) Financial assistance.

(e) Legal services, including, but not limited to, pro bono and low bono legal aid providers, forms needed to file a petition in court, guides to kinship care legal issues, and any other information the provider considers necessary.

(f) Health care, mental health, and substance use disorder services.

(g) Child and respite care.

(h) Support groups.

(i) Parenting tips.

(j) Resources for caring for children with special needs.

(5) The navigator services provider shall establish and maintain a single statewide toll-free telephone number for kinship caregivers to call for information or services.

History: 2020, Act 178, Eff. (pending).

Compiler's note: Enacting section 2 of Act 178 of 2020 provides:

"Enacting section 2. This act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 5443 of the 100th Legislature is enacted into law."
House Bill No. 5443, referred to in enacting section 2, was vetoed by the governor on October 8, 2020.