

HOUSE BILL 1363

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By: **Delegates Murphy, Glenn, Hucker, Mizeur, Nathan-Pulliam, and Weldon**
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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Social Services Administration - Kinship Care Navigator**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Social Services Administration to designate a
4 Kinship Care Navigator; providing for the purpose of the Kinship Care
5 Navigator; requiring the Kinship Care Navigator to inform certain kinship
6 parents of the availability of and eligibility requirements for certain services
7 available to certain children and kinship parents; authorizing the
8 Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the
9 Kinship Care Navigator.

10 BY adding to
11 Article - Family Law
12 Section 5-534.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Family Law**

18 **5-534.1.**

19 (A) **THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DESIGNATE A KINSHIP CARE**
20 **NAVIGATOR PROGRAM.**

21 (B) **THE PURPOSE OF THE KINSHIP CARE NAVIGATOR IS TO AID**
22 **KINSHIP PARENTS TO UTILIZE THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY**
23 **SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE KINSHIP PARENTS AND THE CHILD PLACED IN**
24 **THE CARE OF THE KINSHIP PARENTS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) THE KINSHIP CARE NAVIGATOR SHALL, IN EASILY**
2 **UNDERSTANDABLE LANGUAGE, INFORM CURRENT AND POTENTIAL KINSHIP**
3 **PARENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE**
4 **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY**
5 **SERVICES AVAILABLE TO:**

6 **(1) THE CHILD IN KINSHIP CARE; AND**

7 **(2) THE KINSHIP PARENTS.**

8 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**
9 **THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2008.