

FISCAL NOTE

September 27, 2018

Bill No:	HB 2133	Printer's No:	3817	Sponsor:	Watson (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2018-19	2019-20
General Fund	\$0	\$1 million

SUMMARY: This bill is a freestanding act establishing the Kinship Caregiver Navigator Program in the Department of Human Services (DHS).

ANALYSIS: House Bill 2133 would establish the Kinship Caregiver Navigator Program as a resource for grandparents raising their grandchildren. DHS would be required to develop a proposal and solicit an eligible contractor to administer the program. At the minimum, the contractor would be required to complete the following:

- Create and maintain a website that provides information on supports and services available to current and prospective kinship caregivers.
- Create and maintain a toll-free telephone hotline to provide guidance to kinship caregivers.
- Develop and provide training for individuals to serve as kinship caregiver navigators.
- Educate the public on services and supports available to kinship caregivers.

The kinship caregiver navigator website would include information concerning federal and state programs and support groups available to kinship caregivers. The website would also include respite services for kinship caregivers, financial aid opportunities, legal resources and education and support services for children. Individuals serving as kinship caregiver navigators would be required to assist caregivers in finding information concerning federal and state benefits, as well as local supports and services. Kinship caregiver navigators would also be required to mediate with state agencies and service providers, collaborate with local agencies to provide outreach to kinship caregivers, as well as others as defined under this act.

This act would be effective 180 days upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: DHS will incur a cost of \$1 million in 2019-20 for personnel, media and infrastructure costs.

Estimated Costs to Establish a Kinship Caregiver Navigator Program		
Implementation Efforts	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Funds	\$0	\$1,000,000
Federal Funds	\$480,000	\$0
Total	\$480,000	\$1,000,000