



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Extends the period over which permanency incentive payments may be made to a child's kinship caregiver.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The Kinship Permanency Incentive Program promotes permanency for a minor child in the legal and physical custody of a kinship caregiver.¹ A "kinship caregiver" is any of the following who is at least 18 years old and is caring for a child in place of the child's parents:

(1) The following individuals related by blood or adoption to the child:
(a) grandparents, including "great," "great-great," or "great-great-great" grandparents,
(b) siblings, (c) aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces, including such relatives with the prefix "great," "great-great," "grand," or "great-grand," and (d) first cousins and first cousins once removed.

(2) Stepparents and stepsiblings of the child;

(3) Spouses and former spouses of individuals named in divisions (1) and (2), above;

(4) A legal guardian or legal custodian of the child.²

¹ R.C. 5101.802.

² R.C. 5101.802(A)(3).

A kinship caregiver that meets the Program's eligibility criteria is provided an initial one-time incentive payment to defray the costs of the initial placement of the child in the caregiver's home. Additional permanency incentive payments may be made at six-month intervals for a total period not to exceed 36 months. The bill extends that period to 60 months.³

HISTORY

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Introduced	04-26-11

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³ R.C. 5101.802(B).

