

SB 6453-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the department of social and health services to: (1) Also purchase legal representation for kinship caregivers of children who are at risk of being dependent, or who are dependent, to establish or modify a parenting plan; or

(2) Secure orders establishing other relevant civil legal relationships authorized by law.

Requires the purchase to be within the department's appropriations.

Encourages the department to work with the office of public defense parent representation program and the office of civil legal aid to develop a cost-effective system for providing effective civil legal representation for the parents and kinship caregivers.