

5823-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Stevens, Eide, Fairley, Regala, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Improving services for kinship caregivers.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department to plan, design, and implement strategies to prioritize the placement of children with willing and able kin when out-of-home placement is required.

Requires the department of social and health services to collaborate with one or more nonprofit community-based agencies to develop a grant proposal for submission to potential funding sources, including governmental entities and private foundations, to establish a minimum of two pilot projects to assist kinship caregivers with understanding and navigating the system of services for children in out-of-home care.

Requires the department of social and health services to report to the legislature and the governor on the implementation of the kinship care navigator pilot projects with recommendations on statewide implementation of the pilot projects one year following implementation of the pilot projects.