General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 291

LCO No. **4219**

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Department of Children and Families shall establish, within available appropriations, a kinship foster care program. Such program shall ensure that when a child has been removed from his or her home and is in the care, custody or guardianship of the department, the department attempts to identify a relative of the child who would be appropriate for placement of the child. If the department determines that it is in the best interest of the child to be placed with a relative for foster care, the department shall inform the relative regarding procedures to become licensed as a foster parent.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	*October 1, 2003*

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