



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 322

LCO No. 1341



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES FOR GRANDPARENTS CARING FOR GRANDCHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of Children
2 and Families and Social Services shall study the establishment of a
3 subsidized guardianship program for the benefit of children living
4 with grandparents who have been appointed guardian or coguardian
5 of such children by a court of competent jurisdiction because such
6 children's parents have died or are terminally ill or the children are at
7 risk of foster placement. Such study shall consider (1) the provision of
8 monthly subsidy amounts and a comparison of such amounts to
9 benefits for children receiving temporary family assistance, (2) the
10 establishment of a clearinghouse of information regarding services
11 available in the state for relative caregivers, and (3) the provision of
12 training to be offered to professionals, including, but not limited to,
13 caseworkers employed by the Departments of Children and Families
14 and Social Services and relevant employees of any courts of competent
15 jurisdiction.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2018, the commissioners shall submit a
17 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
18 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
19 having cognizance of matters relating to children and human services.
20 Such report shall include the commissioners' findings and
21 recommendations concerning such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioners of Children and Families and Social Services to study the establishment of a program of subsidized guardianship for the benefit of children living with a grandparent who has been appointed guardian or coguardian of such child.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]