

House Bill 962

By: Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Dempsey of the 13th, Benton of the 31st, Hugley of the 136th, Sharper of the 177th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Department of Human Services generally, so as to provide for the creation,
3 appointment, removal, and duties of a kinship care enforcement administrator; to provide a
4 definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 Department of Human Services generally, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code
9 Section 49-2-1, relating to department created, transfer of powers, functions, and duties of
10 Department of Human Resources to Department of Human Services, creation, appointment,
11 removal, and duties of commissioner of human services, to read as follows:

12 "(c) There is created the position of kinship care enforcement administrator within the
13 Department of Human Services. The kinship care enforcement administrator shall be both
14 appointed and removed by the board, subject to the approval of the Governor. The kinship
15 care enforcement administrator shall supervise, direct, account for, monitor, facilitate, and
16 ensure compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations of the federal government and this
17 state which relate to any programs, including, but not limited to, any pilot programs,
18 subsidies, or benefits, available to kinship caregivers or the children within their care. As
19 used in this subsection, the term 'kinship caregiver' shall mean a grandparent, aunt, uncle,
20 great aunt, great uncle, cousins, sibling, or close family friend of a child under the age of 18
21 who has assumed responsibility for raising such child in an informal, noncustodial, or
22 guardianship capacity upon the legal parents of such child losing or abdicating the ability
23 to care for or provide basic necessities for such child."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.