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Representatives Adrams of the 89th and Kirby of the 114th offer the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate substitute to HB 962 (HB962/SCSFA/1) by deleting lines 1 through 6 and*
2 *inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

3 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
4 general provisions applicable to social services, so as to authorize the Department of Human
5 Services to provide a separate link or portal on its website providing kinship caregivers with
6 information and access necessary to apply for public assistance benefits; to amend Article
7 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia

8 *By deleting "to provide for legislative findings;" on line 16.*

9 *By deleting lines 21 through 243 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

10 Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
11 provisions applicable to social services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
12 as follows:

13 "49-1-8.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

15 (1) 'Basic necessities' means water, electricity, gas, power, light, heat, telephone, or other
16 public utility services.

17 (2) 'Child' means any person under 18 years of age.

18 (3) 'Kinship caregiver' means a grandparent, aunt, uncle, great aunt, great uncle, cousin,
19 sibling, or close family friend of a child who has assumed responsibility for raising such
20 child in an informal, noncustodial, or guardianship capacity upon the parents of such
21 child losing or abdicating the ability to care for or provide basic necessities for such child.

22 (4) 'Parents' means the legal father and the legal mother of a child.

23 (b) The department shall have the authority to provide and shall take all necessary steps
24 to so provide a separate link or portal on its website which provides access to social
25 services that are specific to kinship caregivers and the children in their care. Such link or
26 portal shall provide specific information and access for applying for public assistance
27 benefits in this state as a kinship caregiver and on behalf of children in the care of a kinship
28 caregiver."