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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6568

BILL NUMBER: HB 1391

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 14, 2020

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Kinship Care Oversight Committee.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Summers

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the Kinship Care Oversight Committee (Committee). It requires the Committee to study all aspects of kinship care and it specifies other duties of the Committee. The bill authorizes the Committee to meet at any time at the call of the chairperson, and it specifies other policies governing the Committee.

The bill also establishes a Kinship Care Oversight Advisory Board (Board) to advise the Committee in carrying out its duties, and it specifies the policies governing the Board.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The expenses of the 8-member Committee and the 6-member Board established by the bill are to be paid from the appropriation to the Legislative Council.

Kinship Care Oversight Committee: The Committee is to operate under the Legislative Council resolutions concerning interim study committees, but will not be subject to the meeting or budget maximums set in the resolution. In the past, the Legislative Council resolutions have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$13,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members.

Kinship Care Oversight Advisory Board: The Board will meet at least once during a calendar year. Additional meetings may be convened at the call of the chairperson and its members are entitled to per diem, mileage, and travel allowances.

The bill will minimally increase the workload of the Legislative Council and other appointing authorities to appoint the members of the Committee and the Board. The Legislative Services Agency staff is to support to the Committee and the Board, increasing its workload. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

Additional Information - The Committee is to study all aspects of kinship care, develop data on the number of individuals providing kinship care, develop data on the outcomes, and recommend policy and process changes to the Department of Child Services. The Committee may also recommend any necessary statutory changes to the Legislative Council, study and report on the implementation of the Kinship Care Navigator Program, and study any topic assigned to the committee by the Legislative Council. The Committee may also employ a consultant to assist with its study.

The bill also provides that members of the Committee are entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislators and lay members of interim study committees established by the Legislative Council.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: General Assembly; Legislative Services Agency; Department of Child Services; Indiana Supreme Court.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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