

SB 5651 - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/19)

Creates the role of kinship care legal aid coordinator in the office of civil legal aid.

Requires the coordinator to consult with the kinship care oversight committee, the state supreme court access to justice board's pro bono council, the state bar association moderate means program, the department of social and health services aging and long-term support administration, and the office of public defense, to identify and facilitate the development of local and regional kinship care legal aid initiatives and to further efforts to implement relevant recommendations from the kinship care oversight committee.

Requires the kinship care oversight committee to coordinate with the coordinator to develop, expand, and deliver training materials designed to help pro bono and low bono attorneys provide legal advice and assistance to kinship caregivers on matters that relate to their ability to meet physical, mental, social, educational, and other needs of children and youth in their care.