

CHAPTER 198**(HB 45)**

AN ACT relating to caregivers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 405 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall create a centralized statewide service program that provides information and referrals through a statewide toll-free telephone number to grandparents who are caring for minor grandchildren.*
- (2) *The program shall provide information on a wide variety of services, including but not limited to:*
 - (a) *Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program;*
 - (b) *Medical coverage and services, including the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program;*
 - (c) *Educational services;*
 - (d) *Child care;*
 - (e) *Child support;*
 - (f) *Support groups;*
 - (g) *Housing assistance;*
 - (h) *Legal services; and*
 - (i) *Respite care for low-income kinship caregivers.*
- (3) *The cabinet may coordinate this program with the KyCARES Program.*
- (4) *This program shall be known as the KinCare Support Program.*

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 27A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *As used in this section, "medical treatment" means any medical, chiropractic, optometric, or dental examination, diagnostic procedure, and treatment, including but not limited to hospitalization, developmental screening, mental health screening and treatment, preventive care, pharmacy services, immunizations recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, well-child care, and blood testing, except that "medical treatment" shall not include HIV/AIDS testing, controlled substance testing, or any other testing for which a separate court order or informed consent is required under other applicable law.*
- (2) *The Administrative Office of the Courts shall develop a standard power of attorney for the limited purpose of establishing authority to consent to medical treatment for a minor and to make school-related decisions for a minor.*
- (3) *The standard power of attorney developed under subsection (2) of this section shall be available through the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the office of the circuit clerk where the informal caregiver resides.*

Approved April 21, 2006.