

HB 968 -- Foster Care Subsidies

Sponsor: Grisamore

Currently, for the purposes of determining eligibility for a subsidy to a qualified relative who is granted legal guardianship of a child, the term "relative" means grandparent, aunt, uncle, adult sibling of the child, or adult first cousin of the child. This bill revises the term to include a great grandparent, great aunt, great uncle, or any adult cousin of the child or any fictive kin. "Fictive kin" means any individual, whether related or unrelated by birth or marriage, who is shown to have close personal or emotional ties with the child or the child's family prior to the child's placement with the individual.