

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 1859**

Short Title: Welfare Workers/Services Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Luebke, Easterling (Co-Sponsors); Braswell, D. Brown, Colton, Diamont, Jarrell, and Michaux.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 30, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COUNTY CHILD WELFARE  
2 WORKERS AND FOR SUPPORT AND TREATMENT SERVICES,  
3 RECOMMENDED BY THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
7 Social Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of five million dollars  
8 (\$5,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for county child welfare workers and for  
9 support and treatment services to identify and treat children and families where child  
10 abuse, neglect, and dependency occur.

11 The Division of Social Services shall allocate these funds as grants to  
12 counties. To be eligible to be allocated grants funds, a county shall submit its plan that  
13 demonstrates its use of funds for child welfare workers and for support and treatment  
14 services. The Director of the Division of Social Services, in consultation with the North  
15 Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services, Inc., shall establish the  
16 criteria for awarding grants and shall develop a formula for equitable distribution of  
17 these funds to the counties in a manner that allows for flexibility at the local level.

18 County departments of social services may use the money in-house for child  
19 protective services, family preservation, permanency planning, or child welfare worker  
20 positions. Funds may be used to contract with other local public or nonprofit private  
21 agencies such as the area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse  
22 authorities, to meet the treatment needs of the children and their families.

23 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.