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HOUSE BILL 361

Short Title: Soc. Wkr. Max. Case Load.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Easterling, Diamont; Colton, Cunningham, Fitch, Gottovi, Holt, Jarrell, Jeffus, Lemmond, Luebke, Redwine, and R. Thompson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 25, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE TO MANDATE MAXIMUM CASE LOAD AND OTHER STANDARDS FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Effective October 1, 1993, the Department of Human Resources shall establish maximum case loads for county departments of social services' workers in child protective services investigations and child protective services treatment and ratios of caseworkers to supervisors as follows:

- (1) Child protective services investigations only – no more than 18 cases per worker at any given time;
- (2) Child protective services treatment only – no more than 20 cases per worker at any given time;
- (3) Child protective services combined case loads of investigation and treatment – no more than 16 cases per worker at any given time; and
- (4) One supervisor for every five child protective services workers.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Social Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of _____ for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of _____ for the 1994-95 fiscal year to implement this act.

1 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.