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SENATE BILL 1389

Short Title: Durham Prot. Serv. Workers Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Gulley; and Lucas.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TEN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
WORKERS FOR DURHAM COUNTY.

Whereas, Durham County currently has a crisis in the area of child protective services at a level much greater than that of the other 99 counties; and

Whereas, worker resources are severely stretched within the Child Protective Services section of the the Durham Department of Social Services; and

Whereas, Durham County reports of abuse and neglect increased 66% during the 1992-93 fiscal year, and during the first six months of the 1993-94 fiscal year Durham County received 1542 reports as compared to 346 for the previous year during the comparable period; and

Whereas, currently Durham County Child Protective Services workers carry an average of 75 cases each although the State goal is to reach a caseload of 12 to 15 cases per worker; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year, to provide 10 additional Child Protective Services workers for the Durham County Department of Social Services.

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