

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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SENATE DRS65232-LU-64A (3/9)

Short Title: Child Protective Services Worker Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO HIRE ADDITIONAL CHILD
2 PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS TO REDUCE CASELOAD PER CHILD
3 PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER RATIOS, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE
4 EXPANSION OF THE MULTIPLE RESPONSE SYSTEM TO ALL COUNTIES
5 IN THE STATE.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of five
10 million six hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$5,692,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal
11 year and the sum of five million six hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$5,692,000)
12 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for hiring additional child
13 protective services workers at the local level to reduce the caseload per child protective
14 services worker ratios throughout the State, which will enable the expansion of the
15 multiple response system to all counties in the State. If these funds are appropriated,
16 counties that have not implemented the multiple response system shall adopt and
17 implement the multiple response system reform.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.