

HOUSE BILL 921

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 5, relative to the department of children's
services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-132(a), is amended by deleting the language "not to exceed an average of" and substituting instead "to be at not more than".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-132(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b) The department shall maintain staffing levels of foster care case managers so that each region has enough case managers to allow caseloads to be at not more than ten (10) active cases relating to initial assessments, including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-132, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c):

(c) The department shall comply with the maximum caseload ratios described in subsections (a) and (b).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.