

HOUSE BILL 2598

By Johnson G

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
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, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) The department shall maintain staffing levels of case managers so that each region has enough case managers to allow caseloads not to exceed:

(1) For the first six (6) months following the effective date of this act:

(A) Twenty (20) active cases relating to initial assessments,
including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect; or

(B) Twenty (20) children monitored and supervised in active
cases relating to ongoing services; and

(2) On and after the date that is six (6) months after the effective date of
this act, the department shall maintain staffing levels of case managers so that
each region has enough case managers to allow caseloads not to exceed:

(A) Fourteen (14) active cases relating to initial assessments,
including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect; or

(B) Fourteen (14) children monitored and supervised in active
cases relating to ongoing services.

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

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.