HOUSE BILL 1403 By Johnson G

SENATE BILL 1011

By Campbell

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(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(1) By January 1, 2024, the department shall maintain staffing levels of case

managers so that each case manager has a caseload of no more than:

(A) Twenty (20) active cases relating to initial assessments, including

investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect;

(B) Twenty (20) children monitored and supervised in active cases

relating to ongoing in-home services; or

(C) Twenty (20) children in active cases in which the children are in out-

of-home placements relating to ongoing services.

(2) By July 1, 2024, the department shall maintain staffing levels of case

managers so that each case manager has a caseload of no more than:

(A) Twelve (12) active cases relating to initial assessments, including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect;

(B) Twelve (12) children monitored and supervised in active cases

relating to ongoing in-home services; or

(C) Twelve (12) children in active cases in which the children are in outof-home placements relating to ongoing services.

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