SENATE BILL 1900

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:

- (a) The department shall maintain staffing levels of case managers so that each region has enough case managers to allow caseloads not to exceed an average of:
 - (1) Twelve (12) active cases relating to initial assessments, including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect;
 - (2) Twelve (12) children monitored and supervised in active cases relating to ongoing in-home services; or
 - (3) Thirteen (13) 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.