



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 562

SENATE BILL NO. 1168

By Hensley, Harris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 972

By Rogers, Staples, Hardaway, Jones, Keisling, Lynn, Weaver, Clemmons, Coley, Eldridge, Parkinson, Calfee, Terry, Powell, Butt, Gilmore, Favors, Miller, Hazlewood, Forgety, Windle, Turner, Crawford, Love, Kumar

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, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

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

(2) Twenty (20) 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 shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 5, 2018

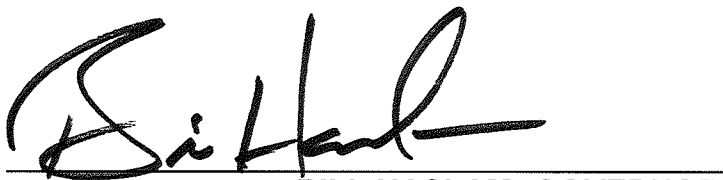


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10th day of March 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR