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House of Representatives, February 14, 2019

An Act To Set Case Load Standards for the Office of Child and Family Services

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DENNO of
Cumberland, DODGE of Belfast, DOORE of Augusta, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MEYER of
Eliot, PERRY of Calais.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRS §4004, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Staffing. The department shall ensure that:

A. A caseworker is not assigned a number of cases that exceeds a number established by the department by rule. The number established by the department must be a number recommended by a national organization with expertise in maximum case loads that ensures caseworkers can adequately focus on each case; and

B. The number of department caseworkers assigned to any individual support staff may not exceed 8.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the Department of Health and Human Services ensure that a caseworker in the Office of Child and Family Services is not assigned a number of cases that exceeds a number established by the department by rule. The number established by the department must be a number recommended by a national organization with expertise in maximum case loads that ensures caseworkers can adequately focus on each case. The bill also provides that the number of caseworkers assigned to any individual support staff may not exceed 8.