

HOUSE BILL No. 5038

October 1, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Kurtz and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 18f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 18F. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN CHILD WELFARE**
2 **STAFFING RATIOS SO THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL, BI-COUNTY, AND TRI-COUNTY**
3 **CONFIGURATION HAS SUFFICIENT CHILD WELFARE CASEWORKERS AND**
4 **SUPERVISORS TO MAINTAIN, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING RATIOS:**
5 **(A) TWELVE CASES PER EACH CHILD PROTECTION INVESTIGATION**
6 **WORKER.**
7 **(B) SEVENTEEN CASES PER EACH CHILD PROTECTION ONGOING WORKER.**
8 **(C) FIFTEEN CASES PER EACH DIRECT FOSTER CARE OR DIRECT**
9 **ADOPTION WORKER.**

1 (D) NINETY CASES PER EACH PURCHASE OF SERVICE MONITOR WORKER.

2 (E) THIRTY LICENSED FOSTER HOMES PER EACH FOSTER HOME
3 LICENSING WORKER.

4 (F) FIVE CHILD WELFARE WORKERS PER EACH CHILD WELFARE
5 SUPERVISOR.

6 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "WORKER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
7 IS EMPLOYED AND WORKING FULL TIME. WORKER DOES NOT INCLUDE A WORKER
8 ON EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE, A TRAINEE WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED
9 TRAINING, OR A WORKER WITH A RESTRICTED CASELOAD.