

2017 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee
TO: HB 57 / HB 59
OFFERED BY: Rep. Gara

AMENDMENT PART 1

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services
APPROPRIATION: Public Assistance
ALLOCATION: Adult Public Assistance

DELETE: \$3,290.4 UGF (code 1004)

EXPLANATION:

Based on the recent projections, Public Assistance expects some of the UGF in this allocation to be in excess of what Adult Public Assistance beneficiaries will receive during FY18.

The deleted funding will be reallocated to OCS/Front Line Social Workers, to reduce excessive caseloads of new workers in training, and provide adequate training and mentorship. Without this change we will not be able to reduce the 50% loss of new caseworkers during their first year of work. Current new worker caseloads exceed federal caseload recommendations for new case workers in training, waste state money, and impair the ability of OCS to protect children and families.

AMENDMENT PART 2

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services
APPROPRIATION: Office of Children's Services
ALLOCATION: Front Line Social Workers

ADD: \$3,290.4 of UGF (1004) and \$1,681.6 Federal Receipts (1002)

ADD POSITIONS: Add PFT Positions as follows:

- Protective Services Specialist I/II: 22
- Protective Services Specialist III: 3
- Social Services Associate II: 2
- Protective Services Specialist IV: 2
- Office Assistant II: 2

EXPLANATION:

This amendment reallocates the decrement in Adult Public Assistance to the Office of Children's Services.