

**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.**