

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 1280 of 2001  
HOUSE BILL 2380

5 By: Representative Cleveland  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PILOT PROJECT FOR FAMILY  
10 SERVICE WORKERS IN THE SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PILOT PROJECT FOR  
14 FAMILY SERVICE WORKERS IN THE SCHOOLS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. (a) Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, the  
20 Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services, shall  
21 develop a pilot project to place a limited number of family service workers  
22 into public schools.

23 (b) The family service workers shall be employed by the Department of  
24 Human Services, but shall have their primary office located within a school  
25 building.

26 (c) The family service worker's primary duty shall be to provide and  
27 coordinate services provided by the Department of Human Services, Division of  
28 Children and Family Services to students enrolled in the school whose families  
29 have active the Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family  
30 Services cases and to provide preventive services as appropriate.

31 (d) The school district shall make available to the assigned family  
32 service worker a suitable office space within a public school in the district.  
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34 SECTION 2. No family service worker will be assigned to a school  
35 unless:

36 (1) The school requests that a family service worker be assigned;

1 (2) The school enters into an agreement to pay fifty percent (50%) of  
2 the salary of the family service worker;

3 (3) The school provides adequate space, equipment and supplies for the  
4 person assigned;

5 (4) The school does not have a Human Service Worker in the school;

6 (5) The assigning of the person from the Department of Human Services,  
7 Division of Children and Family Services would not unreasonably impair the  
8 operation of the Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family  
9 Services county operations; and

10 (6) The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services for  
11 the Department of Human Services agrees to participate in the pilot program to  
12 place family service workers in the public schools.

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14 SECTION 3. (a) The Division of Children and Family Services shall  
15 identify up to ten (10) positions to be utilized for this pilot project.  
16 During the 2002-2003 school the Division of Children and Family Services may  
17 increase the positions to be utilized for this pilot project to fifteen (15).

18 (b) As personnel action to accomplish this pilot project may need  
19 approval from the Legislative Personnel Committee, this act expresses  
20 legislative support for approval of such actions as are needed to implement  
21 the project.

22 (c) The Division of Children and Family Services shall develop criteria  
23 for the pilot project.

24 (d) Legislative Audit shall conduct an evaluation of the comparative  
25 effectiveness of the Human Service Workers in the Schools program, the Family  
26 Service Workers in the Schools program and social workers in the school. The  
27 evaluation shall be completed by October 2002.

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29 /s/ Cleveland

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