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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2380

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF
CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2380.

Amend House Bill No. 2380 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 11, and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PILOT PROJECT FOR FAMILY SERVICE WORKERS IN THE
SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

AND

Page 1, delete lines 14 through 16, and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PILOT PROJECT FOR FAMILY SERVICE WORKERS IN THE
SCHOOLS. "

AND

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. (a) Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, the Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services, shall develop a pilot project to place a limited number of family service workers into public schools.

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

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

(d) The school district shall make available to the assigned family service worker a suitable office space within a public school in the district.

SECTION 2. No family service worker will be assigned to a school unless:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Amendment was read
By: Representative Cleveland
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Chief Clerk