

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

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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