

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2620**

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[BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN RESOURCES]

[Introduced February 19, 2021; Referred to the  
Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §49-2-101a, relating to a departmental study of the child protective services  
 3 and foster care workforce.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN**

**§49-2-101a. Study of departmental child protective services and foster care workforce.**

1 (a) The department shall conduct a study and make recommendations for ensuring a  
 2 healthy departmental child protective services and foster care workforce. This study shall include  
 3 at a minimum:

4 (1) An evaluation of the workload for caseworkers to ensure caseworkers have  
 5 manageable workloads to achieve positive outcomes for the children and families they serve;

6 (2) A determination of whether factors such as child population and poverty rate should  
 7 be incorporated into the analysis for allocating caseworkers across the state; and

8 (3) A survey of the salaries and benefits of caseworkers in neighboring states.

9 (b) The results of this study and recommendations based upon the findings shall be  
 10 reported to the Governor and Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources  
 11 Accountability by July 1, 2022.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to is to provide for a departmental study of the child protective services and foster care workforce.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.