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Committee Substitute for House Bill 4022

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and

Hornbuckle

(By Request of the Executive)

[Introduced January 21, 2026; Referred to the Standing Committee on

Health and Human Resources.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §49-2-102 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to child protective services worker; the allocating of child protective service workers; the
3 stationing of child protective workers; and requiring a report.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN.

§49-2-102. Staffing Allocation for Child Protective Services Workers.

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, effective July 1, 2024,
2 the commissioner shall allocate and station child protective services workers by county based on
3 population, referrals, and average caseload. The county population shall be based on the United
4 States Census : Provided, That the commissioner may adjust the allocation and station of child
5 protective services workers based on immediate needs of each county, as demonstrated by the
6 present referrals and caseload.

7 ~~The allocation may not decrease below the bureau's allocation of January 1, 2023~~

8 (b) The county population shall be based on the United States Census. The bureau shall
9 report the allocation to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources
10 Accountability by July 1 of each year. The annual report on allocation shall reflect each change in
11 allocation that occurred in the twelve months preceding July 1 and persisted for more than three
12 weeks, along with a brief explanation justifying each change in allocation.