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2026 REGULAR SESSION

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Committee Substitute for

House Bill 4022

BY DELEGATES HANSHAW (MR. SPEAKER) AND

HORNBUCKLE

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Passed March 6, 2026; in effect from passage]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §49-2-102 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to child protective services workers; allocating child protective service workers;
3 stationing of child protective service 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, the commissioner
2 shall allocate and station Child Protective Services workers by county based on population,
3 referrals, and average caseload. The county population shall be based on the United States
4 Census. The commissioner may adjust the allocation and station of Child Protective Services
5 workers among counties as necessary based on immediate needs of each county, as
6 demonstrated by the present referrals and caseloads.

7 (b) The bureau shall report the allocation to the Legislative Oversight Commission on
8 Health and Human Resources Accountability annually by July 1. The report shall include, but is
9 not limited to:

10 (1) Information regarding each allocation change that occurred in the 12 months
11 immediately preceding July 1 and persisted for more than three weeks; and

12 (2) A brief explanation justifying each allocation change.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2026.

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Governor