

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RONE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 473.775, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to public administrator staff.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 473.775, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 473.775, to read as follows:

473.775. 1. Any full-time staff of any public administrator's office employed on or after January 1, 2001, who is not an employee of the county for purposes of hiring, retirement, benefits and other laws applicable to county employees shall be deemed an employee after January 1, 2001. Any full-time staff of the office of the public administrator for ~~the~~ a city ~~of St. Louis~~ **not within a county** on or after January 1, 2001, shall be considered an employee of the city ~~of St. Louis~~ for purposes of hiring, retirement, benefits and other laws applicable to the ~~city of St. Louis~~ **city's** employees.

2. **Upon request by the public administrator**, each public administrator ~~with fifty~~ **who handles seventy-one** or more cases ~~may~~ **shall** be provided with a full-time staff member paid for by the county or, **if** for ~~St. Louis City~~ **a city not within a county**, paid for by the city ~~of St. Louis~~ **as follows:**

(1) **For seventy-one to one hundred cases, one full-time staff member;**

(2) **For one hundred one to one hundred fifty cases, one additional full-time staff member; and**

(3) **For each additional increment or partial increment of fifty cases, one additional full-time staff member.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **A public administrator who handles fifty to seventy cases may request a full-time staff**
19 **member, and the county or the city not within a county may choose whether to hire a staff**
20 **member.**

21 **3. Subject to appropriation by the general assembly, for each full-time staff**
22 **member a county or city not within a county hires in response to a public administrator's**
23 **request under subsection 2 of this section, the state shall reimburse the county or city a**
24 **portion of such staff member's salary in an amount not to exceed the lesser of:**

25 **(a) Forty percent of the staff member's salary; or**

26 **(b) Twelve thousand eight hundred dollars.**

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28 **A county or a city not within a county shall report to the division of social services, which**
29 **shall evaluate whether the county or city meets the requirements of reimbursement under**
30 **this subsection, and, if the county or city does, the division shall report such to the**
31 **governor and the general assembly.**

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