

HOUSE No. 163

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to establish caseloads at the Department of Children and Families..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7(a) of Chapter 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by removing the words "establish reasonable caseload rates and report the same to the
3 General Court in the budget estimates of the Department" and inserting in its place the
4 following:

5 "ensure that no social worker will carry a caseload in excess of the standards set forth by
6 the Child Welfare League of America and shall request the same in the Department's budget
7 request to the General Court."

8 SECTION 2. Section 12(5) of Chapter 18B is amended by inserting at the end of the first
9 sentence, "Said budget shall be consistent with caseload standards established by the Child
10 Welfare League of America."