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Committee Bill No. 153

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALLY DELIVERED SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) Upon application to the Department of Social
2 Services any municipal social services department shall annually
3 receive from the state an amount equal to one dollar and thirteen cents
4 per capita, provided such municipality (1) employs a full-time director
5 of social services, except that if a vacancy exists in the office of director
6 of social services or the office is filled by an acting director for more
7 than three months, such municipality shall not be eligible for funding
8 unless the Commissioner of Social Services waives this requirement;
9 and (2) submits a social services program and budget which is
10 approved by the Commissioner of Social Services. Such municipal
11 department of social services is authorized to use additional funds,
12 which the Department of Social Services may secure from federal
13 agencies or any other source and which it may allot to such municipal
14 department of social services. The money so received shall be
15 disbursed upon warrants approved by the chief executive officer of
16 such municipality. The Comptroller shall annually in July and upon a

17 voucher of the Commissioner of Social Services, draw the
18 Comptroller's order on the State Treasurer in favor of such municipal
19 department of social services for the amount due in accordance with
20 the provisions of this section and under rules prescribed by the
21 commissioner. Any moneys remaining unexpended at the end of a
22 fiscal year shall be included in the budget of such municipal
23 department of social services for the ensuing year. Such aid shall be
24 rendered from appropriations made from time to time by the General
25 Assembly to the Department of Social Services for this purpose.

26 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that municipal social services agencies are able to provide case management services to citizens needing crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, information and referral. When an individual needs social services their first request for such services is at the local level. Municipal social service agencies coordinate and facilitate services with many different organizations for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all citizens.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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