

HB 786 -- Caseload Standards

Sponsor: Oxford

This bill requires the development of caseload standards by the departments of Health and Senior Services and Mental Health.

The bill:

- (1) Defines "caseload standards" and "professional caseload standards" for the departments;
- (2) Requires the directors of the departments to develop caseload standards for his or her department based on the actual duties of employees, existing professional caseload standards, and standards developed by other states for workers in similar positions;
- (3) Requires each director to convene at least annually a caseload standards advisory committee within his or her department to review caseload standards and recommend minimum and maximum caseloads for each category of workers employed by the department;
- (4) Requires the directors to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the established caseload standards and actual caseloads for employees; and
- (5) Specifies that employees are required to make a good faith effort to complete all their assignments even if they are in excess of the specified caseload standards.