

Federal Fund Appropriation.....	3,299,861	8,331,591
	<u>3,291,568</u>	<u>8,310,857</u>
NA01.02 Citizen's Review Board for Children		
General Fund Appropriation	810,459	
Federal Fund Appropriation.....	428,962	1,239,421
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SUMMARY

Total General Fund Appropriation		5,829,748
Total Federal Fund Appropriation.....		3,720,530
		<u>9,550,278</u>
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SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

The General Assembly has grave concerns about the safety of children served by the State's child protective services, foster care, and family preservation programs and finds there is a compelling need to reduce caseload-to-staff ratios to improve services for these children. Therefore, the The Departments of Human Resources and Budget and Management shall jointly submit a report to the budget committees outlining a plan for reducing child welfare caseload-to-staff ratios. The plan shall indicate how the caseload-to-staff ratios will be reduced each year in every jurisdiction until at a minimum the ratios recommended by the Child Welfare League of America are achieved throughout the State in June 2003. The departments shall submit their report to the budget committees by August 1, 2000.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Judiciary, the Department of Human Resources (DHR), and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) collaborate to improve the implementation