

Amend CSSB 6 (House Committee Printing) in Article 1 of the bill by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the article and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the article accordingly:

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 40.0323 to read as follows:

Sec. 40.0323. CASELOAD LIMITATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

(a) In this section, "investigative caseworker" means a caseworker of the investigations division of the child protective services program who spends more than 80 percent of the caseworker's time investigating cases of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 531.048(d), Government Code, and subject to Subsection (d), the department shall ensure that the average caseload for investigative caseworkers does not exceed 20 cases at any time.

(b-1) Notwithstanding Section 531.048(d), Government Code, and Subsection (b) and subject to Subsection (d), the department shall ensure that:

(1) beginning September 1, 2007, the average caseload for investigative caseworkers does not exceed 44 cases at any time;

(2) beginning September 1, 2009, the average caseload for investigative caseworkers does not exceed 38 cases at any time;

(3) beginning September 1, 2011, the average caseload for investigative caseworkers does not exceed 32 cases at any time;  
and

(4) beginning September 1, 2013, the average caseload for investigative caseworkers does not exceed 26 cases at any time.

(b-2) Subsection (b-1) and this subsection expire September 1, 2015.

(c) In determining the average number of cases for investigative caseworkers for purposes of this section, the department may not consider cases that are:

(1) more than 60 days old; or

(2) 90 percent completed, as determined by rules adopted by the executive commissioner.

(d) The commissioner may temporarily waive the limit on the average caseload for investigative caseworkers established by this

section under circumstances, such as high turnover rates, specified  
by rules adopted by the executive commissioner.