HB 604 -- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR STAFF

SPONSOR: Rone

This bill provides that if a public administrator who handles 71 to 100 cases requests a full-time staff person, the staff person must be provided and paid for by the county or the City of St. Louis. For every increment or partial increment of 50 cases after the first 100 cases, one additional full-time staff person must be provided and paid for by the county or the City of St. Louis.

The bill also provides that if a public administrator who handles 50 to 70 cases requests a full-time staff person, it is within the discretion of the county or the City of St. Louis whether to hire a staff person.

For each staff person hired under these provisions, the state, subject to appropriation, shall reimburse the county or the City of St. Louis the lesser of 40% of the staff member's salary or \$12,800.

A county or the City of St. Louis must report to the Division of Social Services and the division will evaluate whether the county or city meets the requirements and report the results to the Governor and General Assembly.

This bill is similar to HB 1789 (2016).