

February 22, 1999

**S 158. ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNDS.** *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFF TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND GUARDIANSHIP.* Appropriates \$4,566,053 for 1999-2000 and \$5,955,966 for 2000-2001 from General Fund to Dep't of Health & Human Services, to provide county departments of social services 43 additional social workers to act as guardians for incompetent adults and 110 additional social workers to provide adult protective services. Directs that \$350,000 in each fiscal year be used to establish a State Protective Services Fund for emergency essential services and authorizes use of these funds for a staff attorney position in the Attorney General's Office to provide legal consultation on adult protective services and guardianship matters to county attorneys, county social services staff, and Division staff. Effective July 1, 1999.

**Intro. by Lucas.**

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