

House Bill 866 (AM)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county
2 and district departments, boards, and directors of family and children services, so as to
3 provide for the appointment of a county director to serve in more than one county; to provide
4 for the appointment of an acting county director; to provide for such employees as may be
5 necessary to provide services in multiple counties; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 3 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and
10 district departments, boards, and directors of family and children services, is amended by
11 adding new subsections (c), (d), and (e) to Code Section 49-3-3, relating to appointment of
12 county director and bond of county director, to read as follows:

13 "(c) The commissioner may appoint a person to serve as county director in more than one
14 county if the counties involved are in the same service delivery region, are contiguous, and
15 have a total population of less than 500,000 according to the most recent federal decennial
16 census at the time of the appointment.

17 (d) Until such time as a county director is appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code
18 section, the commissioner may appoint an acting county director to serve as county director
19 in one or more counties; provided, however, that the term of an acting county director shall
20 be limited to one year unless the acting county director is reappointed.

21 (e) The department may provide a county director who is the director in more than one
22 county with such number of employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance
23 of the welfare services in the counties served."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.