

Ohio Revised Code Section 5180.44

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Within available funds the department of children and youth may reimburse counties in accordance with this section for a portion of the salaries paid to child welfare workers employed under section 5153.12 of the Revised Code. No county with a population of eighty thousand or less, according to the latest census accepted by the department as official, shall be entitled to reimbursement on the salaries of more than two child welfare workers, and no county with a population of more than eighty thousand, according to such census, shall be entitled to reimbursement on the salaries of more than two child welfare workers plus one additional child welfare worker for each one hundred thousand of population in excess of eighty thousand.

The maximum reimbursement to which a county may be entitled on any child welfare worker shall be as follows:

- (A) Twenty-seven hundred dollars a year for a child welfare worker who is a graduate of an accredited high school, college, or university;
- (B) Thirty-three hundred dollars a year for a child welfare worker who has one year or more of graduate training in social work or a field which the department finds to be related to social work;
- (C) Thirty-nine hundred dollars a year for a child welfare worker who has completed two years of social work training.

The salary of the executive director, designated in accordance with section 5153.10 of the Revised Code, shall be subject to reimbursement under this section, provided that the executive director qualifies under division (A), (B), or (C) of this section. No funds shall be allocated under this section until the director of children and youth has approved a plan of child welfare services for the county submitted by the public children services agency.

