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SENATE BILL 108

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
10 SERVICES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND  
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR  
17 THE BLIND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015  
18 FISCAL YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
25 for the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the  
26 Blind for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
27 employees.  
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|      |       |                                      | Maximum   | Annual      |
|------|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
|      |       |                                      | Maximum   | Salary Rate |
| Item | Class |                                      | No. of    | Fiscal Year |
| No.  | Code  | Title                                | Employees | 2014-2015   |
| 33   | (1)   | N125N DHS DEP DIR SVCS FOR THE BLIND | 1         | GRADE N904  |
| 34   | (2)   | G021C DHS/DSB ASSISTANT DIRECTOR     | 1         | GRADE C127  |
| 35   | (3)   | G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR      | 1         | GRADE C122  |
| 36   | (4)   | A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER          | 1         | GRADE C121  |



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| 1  | (5)  | L037C | REHAB AREA MANAGER                   | 3         | GRADE C120 |
| 2  | (6)  | G121C | REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER                | 3         | GRADE C120 |
| 3  | (7)  | L098C | CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR | 13        | GRADE C119 |
| 4  | (8)  | G152C | DHS PROGRAM MANAGER                  | 1         | GRADE C119 |
| 5  | (9)  | X062C | QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR        | 1         | GRADE C119 |
| 6  | (10) | E039C | DHS/DSB TEACHER FOR THE BLIND        | 11        | GRADE C118 |
| 7  | (11) | G163C | REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR            | 3         | GRADE C118 |
| 8  | (12) | G178C | POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR       | 1         | GRADE C117 |
| 9  | (13) | L051C | REHABILITATION COUNSELOR             | 4         | GRADE C117 |
| 10 | (14) | E040C | STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR        | 1         | GRADE C117 |
| 11 | (15) | C037C | ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST               | 1         | GRADE C115 |
| 12 | (16) | D079C | COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN          | 1         | GRADE C115 |
| 13 | (17) | A091C | FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST               | 2         | GRADE C115 |
| 14 | (18) | E049C | VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR                | 1         | GRADE C115 |
| 15 | (19) | C043C | RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST           | 1         | GRADE C113 |
| 16 | (20) | C056C | ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III        | 9         | GRADE C112 |
| 17 | (21) | A098C | FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST            | 2         | GRADE C112 |
| 18 | (22) | C073C | ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II         | <u>14</u> | GRADE C109 |
| 19 |      |       | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES                | 76        |            |

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21 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 22 the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the Blind  
 23 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 24 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 25 appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty (30) temporary or part-time  
 26 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 27 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 28 for the appropriate classification.

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30 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 31 to the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the  
 32 Blind, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief  
 33 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 34 the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the Blind  
 35 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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| 1  | ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR         |
|----|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2  | <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2014-2015</u>    |
| 3  | (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$3,005,639         |
| 4  | (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 384,174             |
| 5  | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,106,779           |
| 6  | (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                     |
| 7  | (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 1,389,715           |
| 8  | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 55,000              |
| 9  | (C) PROF. FEES                  | 663,500             |
| 10 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 25,000              |
| 11 | (E) DATA PROC.                  | 0                   |
| 12 | (05) PURCHASE OF SERVICES       | <u>4,719,977</u>    |
| 13 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u>\$11,349,784</u> |

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15           SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
17 COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT. The Rehabilitation Act  
18 Amendments of 1992, commonly referred to as the Comprehensive System of  
19 Personnel Development (CSPD), requires State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)  
20 agencies to establish qualified personnel standards for rehabilitation  
21 personnel, including Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, that are  
22 consistent with any national or State-approved or recognized certification,  
23 licensing, or registration that apply to a particular profession. In order  
24 to comply with the Rehabilitation Act and its State Plan requirements, there  
25 is hereby authorized for the Department of Human Services, Division of  
26 Services for the Blind a general waiver of the Financial Management Guide,  
27 R1-19-4-522 Continuing Professional Education. This waiver allows the agency  
28 to provide college level coursework in degree programs for Rehabilitation  
29 Counselors selected by the agency. This provision covers any and all formula  
30 and discretionary grants funded by the U.S. Department of Education  
31 Rehabilitation Services Administration, now or in the future, including, but  
32 not limited to, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Supported Employment,  
33 Independent Living, and the Staff Development Grant. No state general  
34 revenue shall be expended for the tuition in pursuit of a degree authorized  
35 herein.

36           The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~

1 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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3 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
4 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
5 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
6 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
7 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
8 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
9 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
10 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
11 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.  
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13 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
14 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
15 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
16 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
17 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
18 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
19 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
20 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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22 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
23 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
24 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
25 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2014 is essential to the operation of  
26 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
27 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
28 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2014 could work irreparable harm  
29 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
30 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
31 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
32 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2014.  
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35 APPROVED: 02/25/2014  
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