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1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2024  
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As Engrossed: S4/23/24

**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 17

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 AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL  
11 HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
12 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND  
17 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION  
18 FOR THE 2024-2025 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
25 established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult,  
26 and Behavioral Health Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following  
27 maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Class	No. Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year
				2024-2025
33	(1)	N221N ARKANSAS STATE HOSPITAL COO	1	GRADE SE03
34	(2)	N249N DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
35	(2.1)	N220N DHS CHIEF ATTORNEY	1	GRADE SE02
36	(3)	N027N DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES	1	GRADE SE01



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2	(5)	L009N DHS BEHAV HLTH GENERAL PHYSICIAN	3	GRADE MP06
3	(6)	L014N DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY	1	GRADE MP06
4	(7)	L013N GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
5	(8)	L016N REGISTERED PHARMACIST	4	GRADE MP05
6	(9)	L105C AHC NURSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE MP04
7	(10)	L001C PSYCHOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP04
8	(11)	L006C ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF NURSING	3	GRADE MP03
9	(12)	L009C NURSE MANAGER	10	GRADE MP03
10	(13)	L003C PSYCHOLOGIST	4	GRADE MP03
11	(14)	L015C CLINICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP02
12	(15)	L036C NURSE INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE MP02
13	(16)	L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	30	GRADE MP02
14	(17)	L038C REGISTERED NURSE	121	GRADE MP01
15	(18)	L032C REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	28	GRADE MP01
16	(19)	G283C DHS CHIEF SECURITY & COMPLIANCE OFCR	1	GRADE GS15
17	(20)	N103N DHS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
18	(21)	N124N DHS/DYS ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
19	(22)	M002C DHS BEHAV HLTH ASSOC DIR, AHC	1	GRADE GS13
20	(23)	G277C DHS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
21	(24)	N127N DHS/DBHS DIR ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE PROG	1	GRADE GS13
22	(25)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
23	(25.1)	<i>N128N DHS ASST DIR QUALITY ASSURANCE</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>GRADE GS13</i>
24	(26)	G101C DHS AREA MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
25	(27)	N152N DHS/DBHS ASSISTANT DIR ADMIN SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
26	(28)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
27	(29)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
28	(30)	L011C DHS ALCHL/DRUG ABUSE PREV ASST DEP DIR	2	GRADE GS11
29	(31)	G027N DHS RESEARCH ANALYSIS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
30	(32)	N153N DHS/DBHS CLINICAL DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
31	(32.1)	<i>G008C RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>GRADE GS11</i>
32	(33)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
33	(34)	L010C DHS DMS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
34	(35)	L024C DHS BEHAV HLTH FACILITY ADMIN	1	GRADE GS09
35	(36)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	12	GRADE GS09
36	(37)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09

1	(38)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
2	(39)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	27	GRADE GS09
3	(40)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	1	GRADE GS09
4	(41)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	1	GRADE GS08
5	(42)	L050C CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECH	4	GRADE GS08
6	(43)	T031C DHS BEHAV HLTH PUBLIC SAFETY DIR	1	GRADE GS08
7	(44)	M016C DHS FIELD MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
8	(45)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	10	GRADE GS08
9	(46)	G083C DHS/DAAS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
10	(47)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
11	(48)	M010C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER CLINICAL SPEC	1	GRADE GS08
12	(49)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
13	(50)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
14	(51)	S008C CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
15	(52)	G131C DHS BEHAV HLTH MED BUS PRACTICES ADM	1	GRADE GS07
16	(53)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	23	GRADE GS07
17	(54)	G153C DHS/DAAS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
18	(55)	L055C DIETICIAN	1	GRADE GS07
19	(56)	L062C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE SUPERVISOR	12	GRADE GS07
20	(57)	M026C LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	5	GRADE GS07
21	(58)	P020C PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	GRADE GS07
22	(59)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	1	GRADE GS07
23	(60)	L052C REHAB FACILITY SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
24	(61)	A072C RESEARCH & STATISTICS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
25	(62)	A063C RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
26	(63)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	10	GRADE GS06
27	(64)	M045C ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER	39	GRADE GS06
28	(65)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	3	GRADE GS06
29	(66)	L044C DHS BEHAV HLTH CASE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
30	(67)	G184C DHS PROGRAM CONSULTANT	2	GRADE GS06
31	(68)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
32	(69)	G198C DHS/DAAS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
33	(70)	T052C DHS/DBHS PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS06
34	(71)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	4	GRADE GS06
35	(72)	X101C INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS06
36	(73)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06

1	(74)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	98	GRADE GS06
2	(75)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS06
3	(76)	G124C OMBUDSMAN	1	GRADE GS06
4	(77)	G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
5	(78)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
6	(79)	L103C PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATOR	3	GRADE GS06
7	(80)	C026C RECORDS/INTAKE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS06
8	(81)	L051C REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	2	GRADE GS06
9	(82)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
10	(83)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	9	GRADE GS06
11	(84)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
12	(85)	S021C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT SUPV	1	GRADE GS06
13	(86)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
14	(87)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
15	(88)	S041C BOILER OPERATOR	4	GRADE GS05
16	(89)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS05
17	(90)	C030C HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
18	(91)	D077C HELP DESK SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
19	(92)	T055C PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	20	GRADE GS05
20	(93)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS05
21	(94)	L066C REHABILITATION INSTRUCTOR	36	GRADE GS05
22	(95)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	25	GRADE GS05
23	(96)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
24	(97)	S030C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT OPER	2	GRADE GS05
25	(98)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	37	GRADE GS04
26	(99)	X167C COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS04
27	(100)	L102C DIETETIC SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
28	(101)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
29	(102)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
30	(103)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	3	GRADE GS04
31	(104)	B111C LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS04
32	(105)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
33	(106)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	4	GRADE GS04
34	(107)	T072C SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
35	(108)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
36	(109)	L074C THERAPY ASSISTANT	2	GRADE GS04

1	(110)	V025C WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
2	(111)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	5	GRADE GS03
3	(112)	M084C BEHAV HLTH AIDE	75	GRADE GS03
4	(113)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	154	GRADE GS03
5	(114)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	8	GRADE GS03
6	(115)	S067C HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
7	(116)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS03
8	(117)	C074C MEDICAL RECORDS ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS03
9	(118)	T084C PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	60	GRADE GS03
10	(119)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	5	GRADE GS02
11	(120)	S070C EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE GS02
12	(121)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS02
13	(122)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS02
14	(123)	S066C LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS02
15	(124)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	22	GRADE GS02
16	(125)	V030C SHIPPING & RECEIVING CLERK	1	GRADE GS02
17	(126)	E056C TEACHER ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS02
18	(127)	V028C WAREHOUSE WORKER	2	GRADE GS02
19	(128)	S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	29	GRADE GS01
20	(129)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	48	GRADE GS01
21	(130)	L086C PHARMACY ASSISTANT	2	GRADE GS01
22	(131)	M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
23		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<i>1,157</i>	

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25 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,  
 26 for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and  
 27 Behavioral Health Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following  
 28 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra  
 29 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three  
 30 hundred forty-seven (347) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at  
 31 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 32 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 33 classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 36 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the

1 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 2 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services  
 3 - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal  
 4 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$54,931,388
9 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,764,305
10 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,798,102
11 (04) OVERTIME	5,712,006
12 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	28,632,158
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	182,214
15 (C) PROF. FEES	9,850,830
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	340,135
17 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$129,211,138</u>

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20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - AGING AND ADULT SERVICES - OPERATIONS.

21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be  
 22 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 23 the State, for operating expenses, grants, and programs for aging and adult  
 24 services of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and  
 25 Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
 26 following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
30 (01) NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES	\$4,802,025
31 (02) NUTRITION PROGRAMS	25,490,328
32 (03) OLDER WORKER PROGRAM	1,052,665
33 (04) PROJECT GRANTS	17,447,582
34 (05) RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM	75,000
35 (06) SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS	<u>10,000,000</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$58,867,600</u>

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SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Highway Safety Special Fund, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$2,416,834</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PATIENT BENEFITS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for benefits of the patients of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) PATIENT BENEFIT FUND	<u>\$34,676</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$50,477,554</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from

1 the Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund, for education, drug abuse  
2 prevention, and treatment services of the Department of Human Services -  
3 Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year  
4 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8 (01) EDUCATION/PREVENTION/TREATMENT	<u>\$59,666,991</u>

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10 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION. There  
11 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable  
12 from the Behavioral Health Services Fund Account, for grants and operating  
13 expenses related to crisis intervention of the Department of Human Services -  
14 Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year  
15 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
19 (01) CRISIS INTERVENTION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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21 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM.  
22 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be  
23 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
24 the State, for a grant program to veterans service organizations to support  
25 veterans and their families by the Department of Human Services - Division of  
26 Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June  
27 30, 2025, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
31 (01) VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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33 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - MEALS ON WHEELS. There is hereby  
34 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
35 Aging and Adult Services Fund Account, for the Meals on Wheels Program and  
36 transportation services for the elderly of the Department of Human Services -



1 Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year  
2 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

3	4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
6	(01) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	<u>\$2,400,000</u>

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8 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SENIOR OLYMPICS. There is hereby  
9 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
10 Behavioral Health Services Fund Account, for matching funds for the Arkansas  
11 Senior Olympics of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging,  
12 Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
13 2025, the following:

14	15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
17	(01) STATE MATCH	<u>\$70,000</u>

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19 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
21 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. Pay rates for physicians and chief psychologists  
22 within the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services may  
23 include the special allowances available to UAMS physicians and professional  
24 faculty as authorized in Arkansas Code. Part of the salaries of such staff  
25 will come from the receipt of professional income in the care of patients  
26 and/or funds received from federal agencies, foundations and other private  
27 sponsors in the support of research. Provided that any such allowance shall  
28 not exceed, for any employee, an amount equal to two and one half times the  
29 salary authorized by the General Assembly. The specific Division of Aging,  
30 Adult, and Behavioral Health Services classifications covered by this  
31 language are:

- 32 Class
- 33 Code Title
- 34 L005N Psychiatric Specialist
- 35 L009N DHS Behavioral Health General Physician
- 36 L001C Psychologist Supervisor

1 Prior to these allowances being made available for an individual, they  
2 will be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and reviewed by the  
3 Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget  
4 Committee.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
6 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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8 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS  
10 HEALTH CENTER. (A) The Department of Human Services shall not close the  
11 Arkansas Health Center that provides skilled nursing through specialized  
12 services and programs.

13 (B) The Department of Human Services shall continue to accept clients for  
14 whom it has determined that skilled nursing and specialized services are  
15 needed at the Arkansas Health Center.

16 (C) No funds shall be transferred or reduced from the Arkansas Health  
17 Center, except for use as federal matching funds, below the approved funding  
18 level on March 1, 2003 without the prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative  
19 Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

20 (D) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue  
21 funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General  
22 Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the  
23 appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations  
24 authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue  
25 Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the  
26 Department of Human Services may operate more efficiently if some flexibility  
27 is provided to the Department of Human Services authorizing broad powers  
28 under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the  
29 General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the  
30 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section.  
31 The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
32 Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of  
33 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
34 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is  
35 void.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~

1 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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3 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL  
5 RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS. For employees hired on or after July  
6 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed below,  
7 the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services Director shall  
8 implement salary adjustments utilizing the approved pay grid for teachers  
9 employed by the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

10 To achieve the salary adjustments, the Division of Aging, Adult, and  
11 Behavioral Health Services is authorized to pay special rates of pay for  
12 classifications at the Arkansas State Hospital listed below:

13 Classification	Title	Grade
14 E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
15 E044C	Certified Bachelors Teacher	GS06

16 Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that  
17 is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required,  
18 be provided by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or  
19 fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
20 the State. The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services  
21 shall in addition to the funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service  
22 Recognition Payments from the Performance Fund, make available any funding  
23 generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund  
24 accounts as provided by law.

25 For employees hired on or after July 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State  
26 Hospital in the classifications listed above, the Division of Aging, Adult,  
27 and Behavioral Health Services Director shall set the number of work days for  
28 the employment year to equal the number of days worked by those employed in  
29 the same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf. The  
30 accrual, use, and carryover of sick days, personal days, and holidays of the  
31 employees at the Arkansas State Hospital that are hired on or after July 1,  
32 2013, or current employees choosing to adopt this plan, shall be treated in  
33 the same manner as those employed in the same classifications at the Arkansas  
34 Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

35 Those currently employed at the Arkansas State Hospital in the  
36 classifications listed above as of June 30, 2013, have the one-time option of

1 adopting this language or continuing to operate under the same salary, leave  
2 and benefit plans they are currently receiving. Employees must make their  
3 decision by June 30, 2013.

4 Accrued annual and holiday leave, up to 240 hours, as of June 30,  
5 2013, will be paid out to current employees choosing to adopt this plan. Any  
6 additional accrued annual and holiday leave will be forfeited. Accrued sick  
7 leave, as of June 30, 2013, shall be retained on file and shall be exhausted  
8 before any newly accrued sick leave may be taken.

9 All employees affected by this section shall be eligible to receive  
10 hazardous duty pay for time worked in eligible areas.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
12 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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14 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
16 FORWARD - COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION. Any unexpended balance of  
17 funds allocated for Community Based Crisis Intervention in the Department of  
18 Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services  
19 from the Behavioral Health Services Fund Account which remains at the close  
20 of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal  
21 year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law. Any  
22 carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein may be  
23 carried forward under the following conditions:

24 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024, the Agency shall, by written  
25 statement, set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding  
26 to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

27 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall  
28 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the  
29 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting  
30 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission, or  
31 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name  
32 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the  
33 written request set forth in (1) above;

34 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution shall provide a  
35 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
36 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written

1 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc.  
2 for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty  
3 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution  
4 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
5 Committee; and

6 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall  
7 include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals  
8 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission, or  
9 Institution.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
11 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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13 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AGING AND  
15 ADULT SERVICES - MATCHING FUNDS. The funds appropriated for state match for  
16 the Arkansas Senior Olympics Program in this Act shall be paid on a two-to-  
17 one state/local matching basis. The Senior Arkansas Sports Organization must  
18 certify its portion of the match to the Division of Aging, Adult, and  
19 Behavioral Health Services before any funds appropriated for state match for  
20 the Arkansas Senior Olympics Program in this Act are disbursed.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
22 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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24 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AGING AND  
26 ADULT SERVICES - NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES. Funding for "Nursing Home  
27 Care Alternatives", as it appears in the Aging and Adult Services -  
28 Operations appropriation may be used for home delivered meals, adult day  
29 care, homemaker/chore, respite care, personal care, health promotion, and  
30 other community-based activities. These funds may also be used to match  
31 Medicaid community-based programs.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
33 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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35 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SENIOR

1 CITIZEN CENTERS. The appropriation in this act for Senior Citizen Centers  
2 shall be distributed in the same manner as the funding formula requirements  
3 set out in the federal Older Americans Act funding law. The additional  
4 funding provided by this provision shall supplement and not supplant any  
5 monies currently funding services for Senior Citizen Centers.

6 The requirements in this section shall only be implemented in accordance  
7 with any necessary approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
8 and in the event that additional general revenue funding is provided by the  
9 General Assembly for these purposes. Should additional funding provided for  
10 these purposes be insufficient to provide for the increases in full, the  
11 increases shall be provided to the extent that funding is made available.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
13 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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15 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
17 FORWARD OF UNOBLIGATED GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS. (a)  
18 On June 30, 2019, or as soon as is practicable to determine funds available  
19 as authorized in this Section, and each fiscal year thereafter the Chief  
20 Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books  
21 and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of  
22 unobligated general revenue funds, excluding funds carried forward for other  
23 purposes, remaining in the Fund or Fund Accounts and the corresponding paying  
24 accounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as set out  
25 in subsection (b) herein, to the Department of Human Services - Division of  
26 Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services paying account to be used  
27 exclusively for the disbursement of funds for Senior Citizen Centers in the  
28 amount of recouped and recovered general revenue not to exceed five hundred  
29 thousand dollars (\$500,000).

30 (b) Any unobligated general revenue, excluding funds carried forward for  
31 other purposes, remaining in the following Fund or Fund Accounts and the  
32 corresponding paying accounts at the end of the Fiscal Year that would  
33 normally be transferred into the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund as  
34 recouped or recovered General Revenue shall be transferred as authorized in  
35 subsection (a) herein:

36 (1) Department of Human Services Administration Fund Account;

- 1 (2) Children and Family Services Fund Account;
- 2 (3) Youth Services Fund Account;
- 3 (4) Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account;
- 4 (5) Medical Services Fund Account;
- 5 (6) Behavioral Health Services Fund Account;
- 6 (7) County Operations Fund Account; and
- 7 (8) Provider Services and Quality Assurance Fund Account.

8 (c)(1) Any general revenue recouped or recovered as authorized in  
9 subsections (a) and (b) herein shall be carried forward to the following  
10 fiscal year for Senior Citizen Centers and shall be distributed in the same  
11 manner as the funding formula requirements set out in the federal Older  
12 Americans Act funding law.

13 (2) The additional funding provided by this provision shall supplement  
14 and not supplant any monies currently funding services for Senior Citizen  
15 Centers.

16 (d) Should additional funding provided for in subsections (a) and (b)  
17 herein be insufficient to provide for the full five hundred thousand dollars  
18 (\$500,000) authorized, the increases shall be provided to the extent that  
19 general revenue is recouped and carried forward.

20 (e)(1) The Department of Human Services shall provide a written report to  
21 the Department of Finance and Administration Budget Office, the Arkansas  
22 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee the total amount of general  
23 revenue carried forward and distributed as set forth in this section no later  
24 than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget  
25 request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

26 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall include all  
27 information obtained in subsection (e)(1) herein in the budget manual  
28 submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for  
29 the Department.

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31 SECTION 21. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
32 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
33 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
34 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
35 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
36 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

1 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
2 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
3 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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5 SECTION 22. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
6 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
7 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
8 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
9 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
10 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
11 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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14 SECTION 23. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
15 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
16 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
17 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of  
18 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
19 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
20 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm  
21 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
22 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
23 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
24 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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26 /s/Joint Budget Committee

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29 **APPROVED: 4/30/24**