

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1781**

**Bill Subtitle: TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES LICENSE PLATE.**

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### **Basic Change :**

Representative Hawthorne

Senator E. Williams

The bill creates a special license plate for the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. The plate will be designed by the CASA Association subject to the approval of the DFA. DFA will determine the costs of the initial order and require fees for such costs, the number of applications that must be received, or a combination of applications and signatures. The bill also creates a new fund, the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Fund. Fees for issuance and renewal of the plate are the regular registration fee, a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fund raiser fee to be deposited monthly to the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund, and a ten-dollar administrative fee to be deposited to the State Central Service Fund. All fees are annual.

### **Revenue Impact :**

Unknown increase in the State Central Services Fund and the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund, depending on how many plates are issued.

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

Vehicle owners may register their vehicles with a special plate to support the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund.

### **Resources Required :**

A supply of the special plates must be acquired and maintained.

### **Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided, effective January 1, 2014.

### **Procedural Changes :**

Program the motor vehicle computer system for issuance of the new plate.

### **Other Comments :**

None

### **Legal Analysis :**

This bill authorizes the issuance of a new license plate for Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates. No membership or other qualifications are required of an applicant for the plate. Any person can obtain the plate upon payment of a \$25.00 design fee, a \$10.00 administrative fee, and the regular motor vehicle registration fee. This plate is created in Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14 which authorizes the issuance of only special license plates created before April 13, 2005, license plates for organizations that represent a viewpoint that is different from a viewpoint license plate that

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existed before April 13, 2005, and special license plates to organizations that qualify for a license plate under §27-24-1404. It is unlikely that the court appointed special advocates are an "organization" within the requirements of § 27-24-1404 and would likely not fit within any of the categories in Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14. Accordingly, creation of the plate under another subchapter would be in accordance with the purposes of Subchapter 14.

The bill provides for renewal according to the provisions of §27-24-1405. That is the section that addresses the renewal of special license plates with a decal that are issued to an organization under § 27-24-1404 and since this is not an organization that would likely qualify for issuance of a plate with a decal under § 27-24-1404, the renewal provisions would not apply.

The effective date of the act is on and after January 1, 2014.