



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
 Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
 Joint Budget Committee
 Arkansas General Assembly
 State Capitol Building
 Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2016-2017 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Human Services – Division of Children and Family Services:

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2016-2017
	<u>LO33C</u>	<u>PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE C121</u>
		<u>MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>1,126 1,127</u>	

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$39,531,816 <u>\$39,297,324</u>
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,877,220 <u>14,787,617</u>
(02) EXTRA HELP	175,000 <u>625,000</u>
<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$81,249,535 <u>\$85,375,440</u>

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Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – GRANTS- STATE as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
(01) STATE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT	\$1,100,000	<u>\$10,860,055</u>
(02) FOSTER CARE	31,579,183	<u>34,689,983</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$32,679,183	<u>\$45,550,038</u>

Please amend SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION – TANF- FOSTER CARE as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
(01) TANF/FOSTER CARE	\$56,101,606	<u>\$60,230,751</u>

This request will allow the Department of Human Services to incorporate changes requested during Fiscal Year 2016 Reallocations of Resources and add an overtime line item. The overtime line item will be utilized to provide better transparency of payroll costs for the division. The changes also include unfunded appropriation for increased need in the foster care system.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

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