

**ARKANSAS SENATE**

92nd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2019

**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 68**

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020  
FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill No. 68**

Amend Senate Bill No. 68 as originally introduced:

Page 15, delete Sections 30 and 31 in their entirety

AND

Page 19, delete Section 40 in its entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent Sections of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator A. Clark

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1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2019

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 68

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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 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
10 OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
11 2020; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF  
16 THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-  
17 2020 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
23 for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2019-2020 fiscal year,  
24 the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year 2019-2020
30	(1) Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
31	(2) Q260C	AOC COURT APPLICATIONS BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE IT10
32	(3) Q088C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
33	(4) Q219C	AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
34	(5) Q114C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST II	2	GRADE IT06
35	(6) Q048C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	2	GRADE IT06
36	(7) Q070C	AOC REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE IT05



1 (1) P065C AOC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST 1 GRADE GS07  
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 1

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 4 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - CASA PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 5 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 6 the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Fund, for operating  
 7 expenses and grants to local CASA programs statewide by the Administrative  
 8 Office of the Courts - CASA Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,  
 9 the following:

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 11 ITEM FISCAL YEAR  
 12 NO. 2019-2020  
 13 (01) CASA PROGRAM EXPENSES \$10,000

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 15 SECTION 30. REGULAR SALARIES - COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL. There is  
 16 hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Commission  
 17 for Parent Counsel for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum  
 18 number of regular employees.

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 20 Maximum Annual  
 21 Maximum Salary Rate  
 22 Item Class No. of Fiscal Year  
 23 No. Code Title Employees 2019-2020  
 24 (1) Q252C EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PARENT COUNSEL 1 GRADE GS13  
 25 (2) Q253C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT PARENT COUNSEL 1 GRADE GS06  
 26 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 2

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 28 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL. There is  
 29 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be  
 30 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and  
 31 parent counsel refunds/reimbursements of the Commission for Parent Counsel  
 32 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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 34 ITEM FISCAL YEAR  
 35 NO. 2019-2020  
 36 (01) REGULAR SALARIES \$127,322

1	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,517
2	(03) PARENT COUNSEL REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>2,500,231</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,667,070</u>

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5 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - ENHANCEMENT. There is

6 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be

7 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

8 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and other costs

9 associated with the state court automation system by the Administrative

10 Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Enhancement for the fiscal year

11 ending June 30, 2020, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	NO.	2019-2020
14	(01) COURT AUTOMATION EXPENSES	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

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17 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby

18 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

19 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

20 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Drug Court

21 Enhancement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	NO.	2019-2020
24	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$27,102
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	51,898
27	(C) PROF. FEES	21,000
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$100,000</u>

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33 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND

35 TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the

36 United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds



1 the State Central Services Fund for a portion of the expenses of the  
2 Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect  
3 Representation.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018  
5 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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7 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING.  
9 Funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the Department of  
10 Transportation from the safety incentive funds received under P.L. 105-178,  
11 title I, Section 1404(a), 23 USC Section 163 for "Safety Incentives to  
12 Prevent Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons" may be  
13 transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts as directed by the  
14 Arkansas State Police for operating expenses of the District Court State  
15 Automation System.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018  
17 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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19 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MONTHLY  
21 INSTALLMENT. From July 1, ~~2018~~ 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020, a lump sum  
22 monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of the annual  
23 appropriation provided for in the Division of Dependency-Neglect  
24 Representation appropriation of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made  
25 available, shall be provided from the State Administration of Justice Fund to  
26 the State Central Services Fund to provide a portion of the funds for that  
27 appropriation.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018  
29 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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31 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDIGENT  
33 PARENT COUNSEL REPRESENTATION. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall  
34 have the authority to use the appropriation provided in line item Parent  
35 Counsel Reimbursements of the Parent Counsel Program appropriation herein for  
36 the purpose of entering into professional service contracts on a full-time or

1 part-time basis with attorneys who are qualified to provide counsel for  
2 indigent parents in dependency-neglect cases.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018  
4 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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6 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
8 PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
9 State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency  
10 is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in  
11 Court Automation Appropriation of the Administrative Office of the Courts in  
12 this Act to any other line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation.

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

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018  
30 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

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32 SECTION 42. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
33 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
34 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
35 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
36 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary