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HOUSE BILL 1077

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 COUNTY OPERATIONS FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
18 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 County Operations for the
26 2024-2025 fiscal year, 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 2024-2025
32	(1) N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
33	(2) L013N	GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
34	(3) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	2	GRADE MP01
35	(4) D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT05
36	(5) D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03



1	(6)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
2	(6.1)	G286C DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
3	(7)	N102N DHS/DCO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
4	(8)	N080N DHS/DMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISCAL	1	GRADE GS14
5	(9)	N108N DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR	2	GRADE GS13
6	(9.1)	G017N ACOM DWS ASST DIR - TANF	1	GRADE GS13
7	(10)	N168N DHS DIR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
8	(11)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
9	(12)	N141N DHS/DCO AREA DIRECTOR	6	GRADE GS12
10	(12.1)	G020C ACOM DWS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
11	(13)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
12	(14)	G100C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR III	11	GRADE GS10
13	(15)	G111C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR II	31	GRADE GS09
14	(16)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE GS09
15	(17)	M014C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR III	10	GRADE GS09
16	(17.1)	G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
17	(17.2)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
18	(18)	G130C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR I	39	GRADE GS08
19	(19)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	6	GRADE GS08
20	(20)	G129C DHS/DCO PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
21	(21)	M100C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	18	GRADE GS08
22	(22)	M018C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR II	33	GRADE GS08
23	(23)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
24	(23.1)	G081C ACOM DWS DIVISION CHIEF	1	GRADE GS08
25	(23.2)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	3	GRADE GS08
26	(23.3)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	5	GRADE GS08
27	(24)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
28	(25)	G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	18	GRADE GS07
29	(26)	M042C DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
30	(27)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
31	(28)	M099C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	210	GRADE GS07
32	(29)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	32	GRADE GS07
33	(30)	M037C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	89	GRADE GS07
34	(31)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS07
35	(32)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS07
36	(32.1)	G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	5	GRADE GS07

1	(32.2) G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	8	GRADE GS07
2	(32.3) G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	19	GRADE GS07
3	(32.4) G196C ACOM DWS SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
4	(32.5) A085C ACOM DWS SR FIELD TAX REPRESENTATIVE	1	GRADE GS07
5	(33) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	14	GRADE GS06
6	(34) R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
7	(35) G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
8	(36) G180C GRANTS ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
9	(37) G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
10	(38) M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	750	GRADE GS06
11	(39) X154C PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INVESTIGATOR	20	GRADE GS06
12	(40) X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	28	GRADE GS06
13	(41) E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	19	GRADE GS06
14	(41.1) A092C ACOM DWS FIELD TAX REP	1	GRADE GS06
15	(41.2) G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	107	GRADE GS06
16	(41.3) G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
17	(41.4) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
18	(42) C030C HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
19	(43) C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC	34	GRADE GS05
20	(43.1) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS05
21	(44) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	15	GRADE GS04
22	(45) C072C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
23	(46) C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
24	(47) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	11	GRADE GS03
25	(48) M084C BEHAV HLTH AIDE	1	GRADE GS03
26	(49) C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	399	GRADE GS03
27	(49.1) C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>5</u>	GRADE GS02
28	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,022	

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30 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 31 the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Operations
 32 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 33 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 34 appropriated herein for such purposes: *forty-three (43)* temporary or part-
 35 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
 36 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this

1 act for the appropriate classification.

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3 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
4 to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as
5 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
6 and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of
7 County Operations - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
8 following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$86,603,039
13 (02) EXTRA HELP	503,937
14 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	35,861,275
15 (04) OVERTIME	130,000
16 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	27,469,893
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	124,000
19 (C) PROF. FEES	19,037,338
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21 (E) DATA PROC.	0
22 (06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>20,356,228</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$190,085,710</u>

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25 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - FEDERAL. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
27 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
28 federally funded grants of the Department of Human Services - Division of
29 County Operations - Grants - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
30 2025, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34 (01) HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANT	\$7,297,012
35 (02) REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM	<u>272,846</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,569,858</u>

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SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) AID TO AGED, BLIND, DISABLED	<u>\$4,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - 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 County Operations - Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) TANF BLOCK GRANT	\$57,200,764
(02) COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT	13,943,475
(03) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)	<u>5,378,754</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$76,522,993</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HUNGER COALITION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the County Operations Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Hunger Coalition for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) HUNGER COALITION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$995,113</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY OPERATIONS - MEDICAID TOBACCO

1 SETTLEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human
 2 Services, to be payable from the Medicaid Expansion Program Account, for
 3 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services
 4 - Division of County Operations - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program for the
 5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
9	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,677,881
10	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	704,614
11	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	197,197
13	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
14	(C) PROF. FEES	0
15	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16	(E) DATA PROC.	0
17	(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,629,692</u></u>

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 20 *SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.*

21 *There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be*
 22 *payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of*
 23 *the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division*
 24 *of County Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:*

25	26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
28	(01) EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	<u><u>\$2,131,685</u></u>

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 30 *SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
 31 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER*
 32 *OF TANF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. Each fiscal year, the Department of Human*
 33 *Services shall transfer the sum of seven million five hundred thousand*
 34 *dollars (\$7,500,000) from the state's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy*
 35 *Families block grant to the Department of Education Division of Elementary*
 36 *and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to be used solely for the*

1 *Arkansas Better Chance Program.*

2 *If the state match for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant*
3 *or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant is reduced, the*
4 *amount to be transferred may be adjusted in proportion to the percentage*
5 *change in the state match or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy*
6 *Families grant. The amount to be transferred may also be reduced*
7 *proportionately if new cost requirements are imposed upon the state as a*
8 *result of new or revised Temporary Assistance for Needy Families regulations*
9 *at the federal level.*

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

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13 *SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
14 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.*
15 *RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY*
16 *FAMILIES PROGRAM.*

17 *(a)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount*
18 *of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and*
19 *general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the*
20 *prerogative of the General Assembly.*

21 *(2) The purposes of subsection (a) of this section are typically*
22 *accomplished by:*

23 *(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;*

24 *(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a*
25 *state agency; and*

26 *(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for*
27 *each fund and fund account by amendment to the revenue stabilization law.*

28 *(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly*
29 *restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.*

30 *(b)(1) Upon the request of the Governor or the General Assembly, the*
31 *Department of Human Services shall request a waiver from the federal*
32 *government to:*

33 *(A) Restrict the financial assistance granted to a recipient of*
34 *the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program*
35 *to purchase goods and services that are considered essential and necessary*
36 *for the welfare of the family, including without limitation:*

1 (i) *Food;*
2 (ii) *Clothing;*
3 (iii) *Housing;*
4 (iv) *Utilities;*
5 (v) *Child care; and*
6 (vi) *Incidentals, including without limitation*
7 *transportation and medicine or medical supplies or equipment not covered by*
8 *either the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the health benefit plan of the*
9 *individual; and*

10 (B) *Restrict the cash withdrawal from an electronic benefit*
11 *transfer card account that receives financial assistance under the Temporary*
12 *Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program by electronic*
13 *benefit transfer system.*

14 (2) *If the federal government denies the waiver application, this*
15 *section shall not be implemented.*

16 (3) *If the division does not request a wavier under subdivision*
17 *(b)(1) of this section, the department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or*
18 *utilize appropriations under this act for the participation of persons in the*
19 *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.*

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

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23 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
24 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
25 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
26 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
27 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
28 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
29 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
30 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
31 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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33 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
34 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
35 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
36 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

1 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
2 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
3 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
4 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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6 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
7 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
8 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
11 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
12 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
13 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
14 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
15 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.
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18 */s/Joint Budget Committee*
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