

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 1275 of the Regular Session

As Engrossed: H3/8/07 H3/28/07 H3/29/07

A Bill

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

HOUSE BILL 1138

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION - ARKANSAS
12 REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD
13 ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE
17 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION
18 SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009
19 BIENNIUM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
26 Department of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the
27 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose
28 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification
29 and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor,
30 and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to
31 which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be
32 exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation
33 Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed
34 by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act
35 (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.



| | | | | Maximum | Maximum Annual | |
|----|------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | | | | No. of | Salary Rate | |
| | Item | Class | | Employees | Fiscal Years | |
| | No. | Code | Title | | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 |
| 6 | (1) | 6605 | CHIEF PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST | 1 | \$179,537 | \$183,127 |
| 7 | (2) | 6609 | PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST | 7 | \$133,996 | \$136,675 |
| 8 | (3) | 6603 | GENERAL PHYSICIAN | 2 | \$125,046 | \$127,546 |
| 9 | (4) | 6601 | DENTIST | 1 | \$125,046 | \$127,546 |
| 10 | (5) | 9853 | REGISTERED PHARMACIST II | 1 | \$107,234 | \$109,378 |
| 11 | (6) | 9982 | REHAB COMMISSIONER | 1 | \$102,714 | \$104,768 |
| 12 | (7) | 7069 | HSRC DIR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY | 1 | \$84,620 | \$86,312 |
| 13 | (8) | 9454 | PHYSICAL THERAPIST | 4 | \$70,199 | \$71,602 |
| 14 | (9) | 9453 | OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST | 5 | \$70,199 | \$71,602 |
| 15 | (10) | 9452 | SPEECH PATHOLOGIST | 2 | \$55,648 | \$56,760 |
| 16 | (11) | 656Z | REHAB DEPUTY COMMISSIONER | 1 | GRADE | 26 |
| 17 | (12) | 648Z | REHAB ADMINISTRATOR-HSRC | 1 | GRADE | 26 |
| 18 | (13) | 650Z | REHAB ASST COMM ADMIN SVCS | 1 | GRADE | 25 |
| 19 | (14) | L124 | PSYCHOLOGIST | 3 | GRADE | 25 |
| 20 | (15) | 651Z | REHAB CHIEF OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS | 1 | GRADE | 24 |
| 21 | (16) | 652Z | REHAB ASST COMM STAFF SVCS | 1 | GRADE | 24 |
| 22 | (17) | 649Z | REHAB ASST ADMINISTRATOR-HSRC | 1 | GRADE | 24 |
| 23 | (18) | 076Z | HSRC MEDICAL SERVICES MANAGER | 1 | GRADE | 24 |
| 24 | (19) | 992Z | DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS | 1 | GRADE | 24 |
| 25 | (20) | D130 | INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE | 24 |
| 26 | (21) | D046 | SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE | 23 |
| 27 | (22) | 243Z | ED COORD VOC PLANNING & EVAL | 1 | GRADE | 23 |
| 28 | (23) | 303Z | REHAB CHIEF - HR DEVELOPMENT & TRAI | 2 | GRADE | 23 |
| 29 | (24) | R184 | NURSING SERVICES UNIT MANAGER | 1 | GRADE | 23 |
| 30 | (25) | X338 | ENGINEER, PE | 1 | GRADE | 22 |
| 31 | (26) | 904Z | REHAB PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR | 8 | GRADE | 22 |
| 32 | (27) | 909Z | PROGRAM SUPPORT MANAGER | 2 | GRADE | 22 |
| 33 | (28) | D066 | SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST II | 1 | GRADE | 22 |
| 34 | (29) | 958Z | CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB MANAGER | 2 | GRADE | 22 |
| 35 | (30) | L078 | NURSE SUPERVISOR | 3 | GRADE | 22 |
| 36 | (31) | L007 | REHAB COORD OF PSYCH SERVICES | 1 | GRADE | 22 |

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| 1 | (32) | D124 | LEAD PROGRAMMER/ANALYST | 1 | GRADE 22 |
| 2 | (33) | L030 | DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE 21 |
| 3 | (34) | A008 | ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR II | 4 | GRADE 21 |
| 4 | (35) | D036 | SR PROGRAMMER/ANALYST | 1 | GRADE 21 |
| 5 | (36) | D123 | APPLICATIONS & SYSTEMS ANALYST | 1 | GRADE 21 |
| 6 | (37) | 683Z | REHAB DIR SVCS FOR DEAF & HEAR IMP | 1 | GRADE 21 |
| 7 | (38) | 686Z | REHAB SPECIAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR | 5 | GRADE 21 |
| 8 | (39) | R290 | PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISOR | 1 | GRADE 21 |
| 9 | (40) | R298 | AGENCY PROGRAM COORDINATOR | 5 | GRADE 21 |
| 10 | (41) | M035 | CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB FIELD SU | 1 | GRADE 21 |
| 11 | (42) | L122 | PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER II | 10 | GRADE 21 |
| 12 | (43) | M055 | CERTIFIED VOCA QUALITY ASSURANCE CO | 5 | GRADE 21 |
| 13 | (44) | M066 | REHAB FIELD SUPERVISOR | 4 | GRADE 21 |
| 14 | (45) | M064 | REHAB FACILITY SUPERVISOR | 7 | GRADE 20 |
| 15 | (46) | M088 | SOCIAL WORKER II | 1 | GRADE 20 |
| 16 | (47) | M058 | SR. CERTIFIED VOC REHAB COUNSELOR | 99 | GRADE 20 |
| 17 | (48) | R266 | MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II | 5 | GRADE 20 |
| 18 | (49) | M127 | SR REHABILITATION COUNSELOR | 1 | GRADE 20 |
| 19 | (50) | E078 | VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR IV | 18 | GRADE 20 |
| 20 | (51) | L070 | NURSE II | 10 | GRADE 20 |
| 21 | (52) | E114 | STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE 20 |
| 22 | (53) | G214 | DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE | 1 | GRADE 20 |
| 23 | (54) | E118 | HABILITATION/REHAB INSTRUCTOR SUPV | 3 | GRADE 19 |
| 24 | (55) | D132 | SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST I | 1 | GRADE 19 |
| 25 | (56) | E076 | VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR III | 1 | GRADE 19 |
| 26 | (57) | M069 | REHAB SVC FACILITY SPECIALIST | 2 | GRADE 19 |
| 27 | (58) | R030 | ASST PERSONNEL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE 19 |
| 28 | (59) | R168 | GRANTS COORDINATOR II | 1 | GRADE 19 |
| 29 | (60) | R304 | REHAB VOCATIONAL CONSULTANT | 1 | GRADE 19 |
| 30 | (61) | M060 | CERTIFIED VOC REHAB COUNSELOR III | 1 | GRADE 19 |
| 31 | (62) | M097 | VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DEVELOPER II | 1 | GRADE 19 |
| 32 | (63) | W012 | MEDICAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE 19 |
| 33 | (64) | Y017 | CARPENTER SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE 18 |
| 34 | (65) | V040 | PURCHASE AGENT II/PURCHASE AGENT | 2 | GRADE 18 |
| 35 | (66) | Y027 | ELECTRICIAN SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE 18 |
| 36 | (67) | M106 | VOCATIONAL REHAB EVALUATOR II | 7 | GRADE 18 |

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| 1 | (68) | M117 | COORDINATOR OF INTERPRETIVE SVCS | 1 | GRADE 18 |
| 2 | (69) | M054 | REHAB COUNSELOR II | 2 | GRADE 18 |
| 3 | (70) | R264 | MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I | 1 | GRADE 18 |
| 4 | (71) | E082 | VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR II | 4 | GRADE 18 |
| 5 | (72) | A111 | ACCOUNTANT | 1 | GRADE 18 |
| 6 | (73) | G028 | BLDG PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II | 2 | GRADE 18 |
| 7 | (74) | H032 | FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE 18 |
| 8 | (75) | H034 | FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER II | 2 | GRADE 17 |
| 9 | (76) | B052 | MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 10 | (77) | E086 | HABILITATION/REHAB INSTRUCTOR II | 3 | GRADE 17 |
| 11 | (78) | M080 | SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER II/SOC SVC WK | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 12 | (79) | M182 | INTERPRETER II | 5 | GRADE 17 |
| 13 | (80) | R010 | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II | 6 | GRADE 17 |
| 14 | (81) | V030 | INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER | 2 | GRADE 17 |
| 15 | (82) | Y039 | HEATING & A/C MECHANIC | 2 | GRADE 17 |
| 16 | (83) | Y053 | JOURNEYMAN CARPENTER | 3 | GRADE 17 |
| 17 | (84) | Y055 | JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 18 | (85) | Y057 | JOURNEYMAN PAINTER | 3 | GRADE 17 |
| 19 | (86) | Y061 | JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER | 2 | GRADE 17 |
| 20 | (87) | Y107 | WELDER | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 21 | (88) | Y021 | STATIONARY ENGINEER | 4 | GRADE 17 |
| 22 | (89) | L153 | X-RAY TECH SUPV/X-RAY TECH II | 1 | GRADE 16 |
| 23 | (90) | G027 | BLDG PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV I | 1 | GRADE 16 |
| 24 | (91) | L115 | LPN II/LPTN II | 7 | GRADE 15 |
| 25 | (92) | K045 | REHAB TECHNICIAN | 22 | GRADE 15 |
| 26 | (93) | A108 | ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II | 7 | GRADE 15 |
| 27 | (94) | L179 | PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT | 1 | GRADE 15 |
| 28 | (95) | M048 | RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II | 4 | GRADE 15 |
| 29 | (96) | T047 | SECURITY OFFICER III | 1 | GRADE 15 |
| 30 | (97) | V051 | STOREROOM SUPV/STORE SUPV | 3 | GRADE 15 |
| 31 | (98) | K021 | REHABILITATION ASSISTANT II | 41 | GRADE 14 |
| 32 | (99) | K117 | MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY | 4 | GRADE 14 |
| 33 | (100) | K041 | EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY | 12 | GRADE 14 |
| 34 | (101) | K165 | MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST | 1 | GRADE 13 |
| 35 | (102) | K153 | SECRETARY II | 26 | GRADE 13 |
| 36 | (103) | L091 | OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY WORKER | 2 | GRADE 13 |

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| 1 | (104) | L093 | ORTHOTIST AIDE | 2 | GRADE 13 |
| 2 | (105) | H049 | SUPERVISOR OF COOKING | 1 | GRADE 13 |
| 3 | (106) | D114 | DP PRODUCTION SCHEDULER | 1 | GRADE 13 |
| 4 | (107) | M037 | HOUSEPARENT I | 6 | GRADE 13 |
| 5 | (108) | M067 | SOCIAL SERVICE AIDE II | 2 | GRADE 13 |
| 6 | (109) | T045 | SECURITY OFFICER II | 3 | GRADE 12 |
| 7 | (110) | H047 | MEAT CUTTER II/BUTCHER II | 1 | GRADE 11 |
| 8 | (111) | L081 | NURSING ASST II | 15 | GRADE 11 |
| 9 | (112) | K155 | SECRETARY I | 1 | GRADE 11 |
| 10 | (113) | K023 | CLERICAL ASSISTANT | 2 | GRADE 10 |
| 11 | (114) | H005 | BAKER II | 3 | GRADE 10 |
| 12 | (115) | H027 | COOK II | 6 | GRADE 10 |
| 13 | (116) | G006 | MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR | 5 | GRADE 10 |
| 14 | (117) | V029 | INVENTORY CONTROL CLERK | 1 | GRADE 10 |
| 15 | (118) | C011 | SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR II | 4 | GRADE 09 |
| 16 | (119) | G010 | LAUNDRY SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE 08 |
| 17 | (120) | H053 | FOOD SERVICE WORKER III | 9 | GRADE 08 |
| 18 | (121) | K075 | MICRO-PHOTOGRAPHER I | 1 | GRADE 07 |
| 19 | (122) | G077 | HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR | 5 | GRADE 06 |
| 20 | (123) | G035 | CUSTODIAL WRKR II | 9 | GRADE 04 |
| 21 | (124) | G008 | LAUNDRY WORKER | 1 | GRADE 04 |
| 22 | (125) | G041 | ELEVATOR OPERATOR | <u>2</u> | GRADE 03 |
| 23 | | | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 530 | |

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25 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of
 26 Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2007-2009
 27 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees,
 28 to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 29 purposes: nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 30 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 31 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 32 classification.

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34 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 35 the Department of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to
 36 be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer

1 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 2 of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Operations for
 3 the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

| 4 | 5 ITEM | 6 FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 7 | 8 NO. | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 |
| 9 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 18,719,968 | \$ 19,094,114 |
| 10 | (02) EXTRA HELP | 167,000 | 172,000 |
| 11 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 6,379,342 | 6,464,711 |
| 12 | (04) EXTRA SALARIES | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| 13 | (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 14 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 7,403,480 | 7,513,280 |
| 15 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 155,506 | 155,506 |
| 16 | (C) PROF. FEES | 882,029 | 882,029 |
| 17 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 400,000 | 435,000 |
| 18 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | (06) REHABILITATION PROGRAM GRANTS | 3,116,368 | 3,116,368 |
| 20 | (07) CONTRACT SERVICES | 17,200,000 | 17,550,000 |
| 21 | (08) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES | 530,000 | 530,000 |
| 22 | (09) ARKANSAS KIDNEY DISEASE COMMISSION | 1,210,000 | 1,210,000 |
| 23 | (10) SHELTERED WORKSHOPS | 1,156,993 | 1,156,993 |
| 24 | (11) DEAF-BLIND PROJECT | <u>43,000</u> | <u>43,000</u> |
| 25 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 57,371,686</u> | <u>\$ 58,331,001</u> |

26 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INCREASING CAPABILITIES ACCESS NETWORK (ICAN) -
 27 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce
 28 Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the paying
 29 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating
 30 expenses of the Department of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation
 31 Services - ICAN for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

| 32 | 33 ITEM | 34 FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 35 | 36 NO. | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 |
| 37 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 38 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$ 281,500 | \$ 291,500 |
| 39 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 7,190 | 7,190 |

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| 1 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 4 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 288,690</u> | <u>\$ 298,690</u> |

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 6 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 7 EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 8 Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from
 9 the Telecommunication Equipment Fund, for personal services and operating
 10 expenses of the Department of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation
 11 Services - Statewide Disability Telecommunications Equipment Program for the
 12 biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

| 14 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| 15 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2007-2008</u> | <u>2008-2009</u> |
| 16 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 110,333 | \$ 112,538 |
| 17 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 26,750 | 27,242 |
| 18 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 19 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 37,000 | 39,000 |
| 20 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| 21 | (C) PROF. FEES | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 22 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | (04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS | <u>250,000</u> | <u>250,000</u> |
| 25 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 448,083</u> | <u>\$ 452,780</u> |

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 27 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM - SPECIAL.
 28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce Education -
 29 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the Governors Commission
 30 on People with Disabilities Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of
 31 Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - People with
 32 Disabilities Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the
 33 following:

| 35 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 36 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2007-2008</u> | <u>2008-2009</u> |

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| 1 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 2 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$ 40,000 | \$ 45,000 |
| 3 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 7 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 40,000</u> | <u>\$ 45,000</u> |

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9 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce Education -
 11 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 12 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 13 for providing loans to individuals with disabilities for essential assistive
 14 technology, adaptive equipment, and for loan administration/servicing of the
 15 Department of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services -
 16 Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Program for the biennial period ending
 17 June 30, 2009, the following:

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| 19 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
| 20 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2007-2008</u> | <u>2008-2009</u> |
| 21 | (01) LOANS | <u>\$ 100,000</u> | <u>\$ 100,000</u> |

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23 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 24 to the Department of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services,
 25 to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 26 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
 27 of the Department of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
 28 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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| 30 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
| 31 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2007-2008</u> | <u>2008-2009</u> |
| 32 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 33 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$ 396,400 | \$ 396,400 |
| 34 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 35 | (C) PROF. FEES | 112,000 | 112,000 |
| 36 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |

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| 1 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 2 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 518,400</u> | <u>\$ 518,400</u> |

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4 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - FORGIVENESS OF STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM.

5 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce

6 Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the paying

7 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants

8 and aid of the Forgiveness of Student Loan Program for Vocational

9 Rehabilitation Counselor classifications authorized for the Department of

10 Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the biennial

11 period ending June 30, 2009, the sum of\$160,000.

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13 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA

15 SALARIES. There is hereby authorized for the Department of Workforce

16 Education - Rehabilitation Services for the ~~2005-07~~ 2007-09 biennium the

17 following increases in salaries for certain positions provided in the regular

18 salary schedule of the Department of Workforce Education - Rehabilitation

19 Services and to be in addition to the annual amounts as established by the

20 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, as amended: for full time

21 physicians certified by the American Specialty Boards a rate of pay not to

22 exceed an additional \$4,500 per year; for each full time physician eligible

23 to be certified by the American Specialty Boards a rate of pay not to exceed

24 \$2,500 per year with the total not to exceed \$7,000. In the event the

25 physician is not a full-time employee, the amount specified herein shall be

26 adjusted proportionately to the amount of time worked for the Department of

27 Workforce Education - Rehabilitation Services by that physician.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~

29 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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31 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

33 COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT. There is hereby authorized for

34 the Department of Workforce Education-Arkansas Rehabilitation Services a

35 general waiver of the Financial Management Guide, R1-19-4-522 Continuing

36 Professional Education. This waiver allows the agency to provide college

1 level coursework in degree programs for eligible employees selected by the
2 agency. The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides federal training funds
3 along with the requirement that state rehabilitation agencies enact and
4 maintain a Comprehensive System of Personnel Development. This requirement
5 assures that qualified, professional personnel are in place to provide
6 rehabilitation services.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, 2007 through
8 June 30, 2009.

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10 *SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
11 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL*
12 *PROVISIONS FOR SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL AND WEEKEND PAY FOR PERSONNEL AT THE HOT*
13 *SPRINGS REHABILITATION CENTER. Personnel employed in areas providing*
14 *critical support and care to Patient Units at the Hot Springs Rehabilitation*
15 *Center during evening and night shifts shall be eligible to receive up to*
16 *twenty percent (20%) of the hourly rate paid as a shift differential.*
17 *Personnel required to provide critical and support care to client units*
18 *during weekend hours shall be eligible to receive up to twenty percent (20%)*
19 *of the hourly rate paid as a weekend differential. When facilities use*
20 *shifts other than traditional eight-hour shifts, shift differential may be*
21 *paid for those shifts exceeding the normal day shift of the facility. When*
22 *shift and weekend differentials are provided to employees as herein*
23 *described, the total compensation may exceed the maximum annual rate for the*
24 *assigned pay grade for those positions included in this Act.*

25 *The Agency shall identify the shift(s) and job classifications applicable*
26 *for the differential, and the shift differential percentage for which each*
27 *classification is eligible within each shift. The shift schedule, job*
28 *classification listing and the percentage of shift differential for which the*
29 *job titles will be eligible shall be submitted to the Office of Personnel*
30 *Management (OPM) for approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State after*
31 *review of the Personnel Committee of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget*
32 *Committee. Subsequent changes to the shift schedule, job classifications and*
33 *shift differential percentages on file with OPM must receive prior approval*
34 *by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State after review of the Personnel*
35 *Committee of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.*

36 *The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007*

1 through June 30, 2009.

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3 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
5 FORGIVENESS OF STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM. The Forgiveness of Student Loan Program
6 shall be available to counselor's employed by Arkansas Rehabilitation
7 Services that have been determined eligible by rules promulgated by Arkansas
8 Rehabilitation Services as required by Section 2 of the Act that was
9 introduced as House Bill 2646 of 2007. These rules shall be submitted to the
10 Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative
11 Council and receive prior review. These rules must include the following
12 eligibility requirements:

13 (1) Satisfactory completion of any probationary period;

14 (2) Proof of a student loan that remains unpaid, including the name and
15 address of the creditor;

16 (3) An executed employment contract in which the counselor agrees to
17 the following:

18 (a) work for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for a term that equals two
19 (2) years for each year that the program makes a payment on the counselor's
20 student loan and

21 (b) reimburse the program the full amount of any loan payments made
22 under this program in the event that the counselor resigns or is terminated
23 for cause before the term of the contract terminates.

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25 The amount of payment to be made directly to the counselor's student
26 loan creditor may not exceed:

27 (1) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year; or

28 (2) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per employee.

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30 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
32 ENTRY RATES AND RECLASSIFICATION STUDY. The Department of Workforce
33 Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) shall submit a request to
34 the Office of Personnel Management on an annual basis for the purpose of
35 adjusting the Special Entry Rates for Labor Market Conditions for the ARS
36 Rehabilitation Counselor classifications listed below to accurately reflect

1 the authorized Pay Plan salary levels.

2 CLASS

| 3 | <u>CODE</u> | <u>TITLE</u> | <u>GRADE</u> |
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| 4 | <u>M058</u> | <u>SR. CERTIFIED VOC REHAB COUNSELOR</u> | <u>20</u> |
| 5 | <u>M127</u> | <u>SR REHABILITATION COUNSELOR</u> | <u>20</u> |
| 6 | <u>M060</u> | <u>CERTIFIED VOC REHAB COUNSELOR III</u> | <u>19</u> |
| 7 | <u>M054</u> | <u>REHAB COUNSELOR II</u> | <u>18</u> |

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9 The Department shall also submit this request to the Personnel
10 Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
11 for their prior review.

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13 In addition, the Department shall also request the Office of Personnel
14 Management to study the classifications listed above to determine whether
15 these positions are properly classified by title and grade. The Office of
16 Personnel Management shall submit their recommendations and findings to the
17 Personnel Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
18 Committee for their review. The Department shall complete all necessary
19 steps to implement the recommendations and findings of the Office of
20 Personnel Management and the Personnel Subcommittee.

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22 SECTION 15. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
23 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
24 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
25 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
26 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
27 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
28 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
30 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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32 SECTION 16. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
33 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
34 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
35 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
36 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
3 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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5 SECTION 17. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
11 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
12 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
13 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
14 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
15 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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17 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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19 *APPROVED: 4/5/2007*