

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 1328 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009  
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*As Engrossed: S2/18/09*

**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 265

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, SUBSTITUTE EXPENSES, AND EXPENSE  
11 ALLOWANCE OF THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE  
12 ASSISTANTS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE FISCAL  
13 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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18 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - TRIAL  
19 COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS  
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL  
21 YEAR.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS.

27 There is hereby established for the Trial Court Administrative Assistants of  
28 the Circuit Courts for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the following maximum  
29 number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the  
30 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code  
31 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.  
32 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual  
33 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of  
34 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying  
35 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the



1 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),  
2 or its successor.

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5			6 Maximum	7 Salary Rate
8	9 Item		10 No. of	11 Fiscal Year
12	13 No.	14 Title	15 Employees	16 2009-2010
17	18 (1)	19 TRIAL COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT I	20 120	21 GRADE C117
22	23 (2)	24 TRIAL COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT II	25 <u>1</u>	26 GRADE C117
27	28	29 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	30 121	

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12 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS. There is  
13 hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the *Trial*  
14 *Court Administrative Assistant Fund*, for personal services, Trial Court Staff  
15 Substitutes expenses, and Trial Court Administrative Assistant expenses by  
16 the Trial Court Administrative Assistants of the Circuit Courts for the  
17 fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the following:

18	19 ITEM	20 FISCAL YEAR
21	22 NO.	23 2009-2010
24	25 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	26 \$ 4,646,159
27	28 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29 1,486,861
30	31 (03) TRIAL COURT ASSISTANT EXPENSES	32 225,000
33	34 (04) TRIAL COURT STAFF SUBSTITUTES	35 <u>125,000</u>
36	36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	37 <u>\$ 6,483,020</u>

28 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RATE OF  
30 PAY. The entry level salary of a trial court staff person shall be equal to  
31 that established in the state pay plan at grade ~~16-C117~~.

32 SECTION 4. FUND CREATED. (a) There is hereby created on the books of the  
33 Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a  
34 miscellaneous revenue fund to be known as the Trial Court Administrative  
35 Assistant Fund. (b) This fund shall consist of those monies transferred from  
36 the State Administration of Justice Fund and other monies as authorized by

1 law. (c) The fund shall be used for paying personal services, Trial Court  
2 Assistant expenses and Trial Court Staff Substitutes.

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4 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
5 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CERTIFICATION.  
6 Any Trial Court Administrative Assistant who is or becomes certified by the  
7 National Center for State Courts as a certified Court Manager shall be  
8 entitled to have the annual salary for which he or she is eligible to be  
9 increased by ten percent (10%), which shall not exceed the maximum amount for  
10 the grade assigned.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2009  
12 through June 30, 2010.

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14 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
15 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
16 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
17 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
25 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
26 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
27 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
28 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
30 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
31 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
2 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
3 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the  
4 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
5 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
6 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
7 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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9 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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11 **APPROVED: 4/9/2009**  
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