## Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added. Act 867 of the Regular Session

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3 Regular Session, 2015	HOUSE BILL 1041
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5 By: Joint Budget Committee	
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7 For An Act To Be Entitled	
8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONA	L SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT O	F CAREER
10 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICE	S FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR O	THER
12 PURPOSES.	
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Subtitle Subtitle	
15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER	
16 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION	
17 SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-20	016
18 FISCAL YEAR.	
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby est	ablished for the
24 Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation	n Services for the
25 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of	regular employees.
26	
27	Maximum Annual
28 Maximum	Salary Rate
29 Item Class No. of	Fiscal Year
30 No. Code Title Employees	2015-2016
31 (1) U012U REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSIONER 1	\$120,901
32 (2) L011N DENTIST 1	GRADE N916
33 (3) LO13N GENERAL PHYSICIAN 4	GRADE N916
34 (4) GOOIN ADE LITIGATION ATTORNEY 1	GRADE N912
35 (5) L016N REGISTERED PHARMACIST 1	GRADE N911
36 (6) N172N ACE REHAB OPERATIONS DIRECTOR 2	GRADE N906



1	(7)	N098N	ACTI DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY	1	GRADE N906
2	(8)	N178N	ARS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE N904
3	(9)	N170N	REHAB DIRECTOR - ACTI	1	GRADE N902
4	(10)	N138N	REHAB DIRECTOR FIELD SVCS	1	GRADE N902
5	(11)	L022N	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	5	GRADE N901
6	(12)	L021N	PHYSICAL THERAPIST	4	GRADE N901
7	(13)	A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
8	(14)	L003C	PSYCHOLOGIST	4	GRADE C127
9	(15)	R006C	HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
10	(16)	L004C	REHAB DIR PROG, PLAN, DEV & EVAL	1	GRADE C126
11	(17)	G040C	REHAB DIRECTOR - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	2	GRADE C126
12	(18)	E005C	REHAB DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING	2	GRADE C126
13	(19)	L015C	CLINICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE C124
14	(20)	G070C	DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS	1	GRADE C124
15	(21)	E011C	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C124
16	(22)	L020C	NURSING SERVICES UNIT MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
17	(23)	P004C	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
18	(24)	L018C	REHAB ASST DIRECTOR - ACTI	1	GRADE C123
19	(25)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C122
20	(26)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C121
21	(27)	S004C	MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
22	(28)	L033C	PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	12	GRADE C121
23	(29)	X038C	QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE C121
24	(30)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	2	GRADE C121
25	(31)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE C121
26	(32)	L040C	DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C120
27	(33)	P013C	PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
28	(34)	L037C	REHAB AREA MANAGER	14	GRADE C120
29	(35)	G121C	REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	13	GRADE C120
30	(36)	L098C	CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	112	GRADE C119
31	(37)	V007C	PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
32	(38)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE C119
33	(39)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE C118
34	(40)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
35	(41)	M026C	LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	2	GRADE C118
36	(42)	G163C	REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	12	GRADE C118

(43)	D064C	WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE C118
(44)	E043C	CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TEACHER	22	GRADE C117
(45)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
(46)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
(47)	E040C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
(48)	M032C	VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC	9	GRADE C117
(49)	V014C	BUYER	2	GRADE C116
(50)	M050C	INTERPRETER	4	GRADE C116
(51)	T055C	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	1	GRADE C116
(52)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
(53)	L057C	REHAB SVS FACILITY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C116
(54)	S022C	SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C116
(55)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE C115
(56)	C036C	ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
(57)	R033C	BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
(58)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
(59)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
(60)	C028C	MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
(61)	L061C	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	1	GRADE C115
(62)	T062C	PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C115
(63)	V015C	PURCHASING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
(64)	S031C	SKILLED TRADESMAN	14	GRADE C115
(65)	E049C	VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE C115
(66)	G215C	CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C114
(67)	S044C	FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C114
(68)	L064C	RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C114
(69)	M065C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C114
(70)	E051C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C114
(71)	S099C	STATIONARY ENGINEER	5	GRADE C114
(72)	M061C	VOCATIONAL REHAB EVALUATOR	2	GRADE C114
(73)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C113
(74)	V020C	INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE C113
(75)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	5	GRADE C113
(76)	C043C	RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	2	GRADE C113
(77)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	10	GRADE C112
(78)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE C112
	(44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77)	(44)       E043C         (45)       R025C         (46)       S017C         (47)       E040C         (48)       M032C         (49)       V014C         (50)       M050C         (51)       T055C         (52)       P027C         (53)       L057C         (54)       S022C         (55)       C037C         (56)       C036C         (57)       R033C         (50)       C028C         (61)       L061C         (62)       T062C         (63)       V015C         (64)       S031C         (65)       E049C         (66)       G215C         (67)       S044C         (68)       L064C         (69)       M065C         (70)       E051C         (71)       S099C         (72)       M061C         (73)       R036C         (74)       V020C         (75)       L069C         (76)       C043C         (77)       C056C	(44) E043C CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TEACHER (45) R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST (46) S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR (47) E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (48) M032C VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC (49) V014C BUYER (50) M050C INTERPRETER (51) T055C PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER (52) P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST (53) L057C REHAB SVS FACILITY SPECIALIST (54) S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR (55) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST (56) C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST (57) R033C BENEFITS ANALYST (58) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST (59) S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR (60) C028C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR (61) L061C MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST (62) T062C PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR (63) V015C PURCHASING SPECIALIST (64) S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN (65) E049C VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR (66) G215C CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT SPECIALIST (67) S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER (68) L064C RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN (69) M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR (70) E051C STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (71) S099C STATIONARY ENGINEER (72) M061C VOCATIONAL REHAB EVALUATOR (73) R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST (74) V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER (75) L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	(44)         E043C         CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL TEACHER         22           (45)         R025C         HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST         1           (46)         S017C         MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR         1           (47)         E040C         STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR         1           (48)         M032C         VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPEC         9           (49)         V014C         BUYER         2           (50)         M050C         INTERPRETER         4           (51)         T055C         PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER         1           (52)         P027C         PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST         1           (53)         L057C         REHAB SVS FACILITY SPECIALIST         2           (54)         S022C         SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR         2           (55)         C037C         ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST         2           (55)         C036C         ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST         2           (57)         R033C         BENEFITS ANALYST         1           (58)         A091C         FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST         2           (59)         S033C         MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR         1           (60)         C028C

1	(79)	V022C	PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C112
2	(80)	S056C	FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C111
3	(81)	M076C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	3	GRADE C111
4	(82)	V023C	STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C111
5	(83)	T084C	PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE C110
6	(84)	L074C	THERAPY ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C110
7	(85)	V025C	WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE C110
8	(86)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	96	GRADE C109
9	(87)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	7	GRADE C109
10	(88)	C070C	DUPLICATION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C109
11	(89)	S068C	FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C108
12	(90)	V027C	INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE C108
13	(91)	M083C	RESIDENTIAL CARE TECHNICIAN	10	GRADE C108
14	(92)	S070C	EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE C107
15	(93)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	12	GRADE C106
16	(94)	V029C	PURCHASING ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C106
17	(95)	T087C	SECURITY OFFICER	5	GRADE C106
18	(96)	S080C	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	3	GRADE C105
19	(97)	C088C	MAIL SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C105
20	(98)	S083C	BAKER	1	GRADE C104
21	(99)	S086C	COOK	5	GRADE C104
22	(100)	S085C	FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C104
23	(101)	S084C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE C104
24	(102)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	15	GRADE C103
25	(103)	S089C	FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	9	GRADE C102
26		MAX. N	O. OF EMPLOYEES	537	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: nineteen (19) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

1	SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is here	eby appropriated,
2	to the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilita	ation Services, to
3	be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chi	ief Fiscal Officer
4	of the State, for personal services and operating expenses	of the Department
5	of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Op	perations for the
6	fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:	
7		
8	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9	NO.	<i>2015-2016</i>
10	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$19,711,813
11	(O2) EXTRA HELP	<i>252,000</i>
12	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	7,545,516
13	(04) EXTRA SALARIES	8,000
14	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	8,691,380
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	<i>155,506</i>
17	(C) PROF. FEES	882,029
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,100,000
19	(E) DATA PROC.	0
20	(06) REHABILITATION PROGRAM GRANTS	1,900,000
21	(07) CONTRACT SERVICES	20,941,993
22	(08) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	100,000
23	(09) ARKANSAS KIDNEY DISEASE COMMISSION	950,000
24	(10) PROJECT SEARCH	<u>750,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$62,963,237</u>
26		
27	SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INCREASING CAPABILITIES AC	CCESS NETWORK -
28	FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of	of Career Education
29	- Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the	paying account as
30	determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for op	erating expenses
31	of the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilita	tion Services -
32	Increasing Capabilities Access Network - Federal for the fi	scal year ending
33	June 30, 2016, the following:	
34		
35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	NO.	2015-2016

1	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$291,500
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,190
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$298,690
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9	SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE DISABILITY TELECOMMUN	NICATION
10	EQUIPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Departm	ment of Career
11	Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from	n the
12	Telecommunication Equipment Fund, for personal services and oper	rating
13	expenses of the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabi	ilitation
14	Services - Statewide Disability Telecommunication Equipment Prog	gram for the
15	fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:	
16		
17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	NO.	<i>2015-2016</i>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$102,549
20	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	40,470
21	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	70,000
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,000
24	(C) PROF. FEES	52,000
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(04) ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GRANTS	<i>305,000</i>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<i>\$577,019</i>
29		
30	SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROGRA	M - SPECIAL.
31	There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Career Educat	ion -
32	Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the Governo	ors Commission
33	on People with Disabilities Fund, for operating expenses of the	Department of
34	Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - People wit	:h
35	Disabilities Program - Special for the fiscal year ending June 3	30, 2016, the
36	following:	

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	NO.	2015-2016
4	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$45,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$45,000
11		
12	SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT REVO	LVING LOAN PROGRAM.
13	There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Career I	Education -
14	Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the ca	ash fund deposited
15	in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Of:	ficer of the State,
16	for providing loans to individuals with disabilities for es	ssential assistive
17	technology, adaptive equipment, and for loan administration	n/servicing by the
18	Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Se	ervices -
19	Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Program for the fiscal	year ending June
20	30, 2016, the following:	
21		
22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	NO.	2015-2016
24	(01) LOANS	\$1,580,000
25		
26	SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is	s hereby
27	appropriated, to the Department of Career Education - Arkan	nsas Rehabilitation
28	Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the	e State Treasury as
29	determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for on	perating expenses
30	of the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilita	ation Services -
31	Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,	the following:
32		
33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	NO.	2015-2016
35	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$741,400

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL 10,000	
2	(C) PROF. FEES 112,000	
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	
4	(E) DATA PROC.	
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$863,400	
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7	SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - PROMISE GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to	
8	the Department of Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be	,
9	payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of	
10	the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of	=
11	Career Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - Promise Grant for the	
12	fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:	
13		
14	ITEM FISCAL YEAR	
15	NO. 2015-2016	
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES \$248,878	
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING 96,802	
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE 0	
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL 35,000	
21	(C) PROF. FEES	
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	
23	(E) DATA PROC0	
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED\$380,680	
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26	SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSA	.S
27	CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.	
28	COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT. Section 101(a)(7) of the	
29	Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992, commonly referred to as the	
30	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD), requires State	
31	Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies to establish qualified personnel	
32	standards for rehabilitation personnel, including VR counselors, that are	
33	consistent with any national or State-approved or recognized certification,	
34	licensing, or registration that apply to a particular profession. In order t	0
35	comply with the Rehabilitation Act and its State Plan requirements, there is	
36	hereby authorized for the Department of Career Education-Arkansas	

- 1 Rehabilitation Services a general waiver of the Financial Management Guide,
- 2 R1-19-4-522 Continuing Professional Education. This waiver allows the agency
- 3 to provide college level coursework in degree programs for any eligible
- 4 employees selected by the agency. This provision covers any and all formula
- 5 and discretionary grants funded by the U.S.D.O.E. Rehabilitation Services
- 6 Administration, now or in the future, including, but not limited to, the
- 7 Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Supported Employment, Independent Living,
- 8 and the Staff Development Grant. The waiver applies to federal financial
- 9 participation (FFP), state general revenue share, and program income.
- 10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, -2014 2015
- 11 through June 30, 2015 2016.

- 13 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
- 14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
- 15 FORGIVENESS OF STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM. The Forgiveness of Student Loan Program
- 16 shall be available to counselors employed by Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
- 17 that have been determined eligible by rules promulgated by Arkansas
- 18 Rehabilitation Services as required by Arkansas Code §25-30-206. These rules
- 19 shall be submitted to the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee
- 20 of the Arkansas Legislative Council and receive prior review. These rules
- 21 must include the following eligibility requirements:
- 22 (1) Satisfactory completion of any probationary period;
- 23 (2) Proof of a student loan that remains unpaid, including the name and address of the creditor;
- 25 (3) An executed employment contract in which the counselor agrees to 26 the following:
- 27 (a) work for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for a term that equals
- 28 two (2) years for each year that the program makes a payment on the
- 29 counselor's student loan and
- 30 (b) reimburse the program the full amount of any loan payments made
- 31 under this program in the event that the counselor resigns or is terminated
- 32 for cause before the term of the contract terminates.
- 33 The amount of payment to be made directly to the counselor's student
- 34 loan creditor may not exceed:
- 35 (1) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year; or
- 36 (2) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per employee.

- The Arkansas Rehabilitation Services agency shall pay for the Forgiveness of Student Loan Program from the Rehabilitation Program Grants -Grants and Aid line item authorized for the appropriation entitled Rehabilitation Services - Operations in an amount not to exceed eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) per fiscal year. In addition, the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services agency shall provide a formal, written notification to all counselors employed by Arkansas Rehabilitation Services of the availability of the Forgiveness of Student
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  Loan Program by July 1 of each fiscal year. The agency shall include with the
  notification, the promulgated rules which shall outline the eligibility
  requirements for participation.
- The agency shall submit a copy of this notification to the Arkansas
  Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee by July 1 of each fiscal year.
  In addition, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services shall report bi-annually, by
  the 15th day of the month following the end of each six month period, to the
  Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee the number of
  employees participating in the program.
  - The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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

SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

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1	summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
2	Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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4	SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
5	General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
6	the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
7	effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
8	the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
9	the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
10	effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
11	upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
12	programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
13	being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
14	and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.
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16	/s/Joint Budget Committee
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19	APPROVED: 04/01/2015
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