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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 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
10 SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health for the
2015-2016 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 2015-2016
(1)	L005N	PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N919
(2)	N182N	ASH CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	1	GRADE N918
(3)	L009N	DHS BEHAV HLTH GENERAL PHYSICIAN	6	GRADE N917
(4)	L011N	DENTIST	1	GRADE N916
(5)	L014N	DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY	1	GRADE N914



1	(6)	L016N	REGISTERED PHARMACIST	2	GRADE N911
2	(7)	N019N	DHS DEP DIR BEHAV HLTH SERVICES	1	GRADE N910
3	(8)	N183N	DIR OF PREVENTION, TREATMENT & RECOV	1	GRADE N910
4	(9)	N184N	DHS DIR OF PROG IMP & INVESTIGATIONS	1	GRADE N908
5	(10)	N189N	DHS/DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
6	(11)	N088N	DHS AHC DIRECTOR OF NURSING	1	GRADE N906
7	(12)	N103N	DHS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
8	(13)	N128N	DHS ASST DIR QUALITY ASSURANCE	1	GRADE N904
9	(14)	N123N	DHS/DBHS ASST DIR FOR FINANCE	1	GRADE N904
10	(15)	N127N	DHS/DBHS DIR ALCHL & DRUG ABUSE PREV	1	GRADE N904
11	(16)	N185N	DIR OF OUTCOMES MGMT & PRACTICE IMPR	1	GRADE N904
12	(17)	N135N	DHS AHC NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE N903
13	(18)	N167N	DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	2	GRADE N901
14	(19)	N153N	DHS/DBHS CLINICAL DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N901
15	(20)	L022N	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	3	GRADE N901
16	(21)	L021N	PHYSICAL THERAPIST	1	GRADE N901
17	(22)	N162N	STATE DRUG PREVENTION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N901
18	(23)	L001C	PSYCHOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C129
19	(24)	M002C	DHS BEHAV HLTH ASSOC DIR, AHC	1	GRADE C127
20	(25)	M003C	DHS BEHAV HLTH CHILDREN SYS CARE DIR	2	GRADE C127
21	(26)	L003C	PSYCHOLOGIST	4	GRADE C127
22	(27)	L006C	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF NURSING	3	GRADE C126
23	(28)	L011C	DHS ALCHL/DRUG ABUSE PREV AST DP DIR	1	GRADE C125
24	(29)	A024C	DHS DIVISION CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	2	GRADE C125
25	(30)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	8	GRADE C125
26	(31)	M004C	RESIDENTIAL OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE C125
27	(32)	L015C	CLINICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	2	GRADE C124
28	(33)	L024C	DHS BEHAV HLTH FACILITY ADMIN	1	GRADE C123
29	(34)	A038C	FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
30	(35)	G099C	DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	5	GRADE C122
31	(36)	A041C	PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C122
32	(37)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	19	GRADE C122
33	(38)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
34	(39)	M010C	FAMILY SERVICE WORKER CLINICAL SPEC	2	GRADE C121
35	(40)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	30	GRADE C121
36	(41)	S004C	MAINTENANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE C121

1	(42)	L036C	NURSE INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE C121
2	(43)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	3	GRADE C121
3	(44)	L033C	PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	4	GRADE C121
4	(45)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	61	GRADE C121
5	(46)	G131C	DHS BEHAV HLTH MED BUS PRACTICES ADM	2	GRADE C120
6	(47)	T031C	DHS BEHAV HLTH PUBLIC SAFETY DIR	2	GRADE C120
7	(48)	L040C	DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C120
8	(49)	E026C	EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
9	(50)	D057C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
10	(51)	G124C	OMBUDSMAN	1	GRADE C120
11	(52)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	8	GRADE C120
12	(53)	E023C	TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
13	(54)	V008C	BUYER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C119
14	(55)	E035C	CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	1	GRADE C119
15	(56)	D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	2	GRADE C119
16	(57)	L044C	DHS BEHAV HLTH CASE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
17	(58)	G152C	DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	7	GRADE C119
18	(59)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
19	(60)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
20	(61)	A063C	RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C119
21	(62)	A060C	SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE C119
22	(63)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C118
23	(64)	L050C	CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECH	4	GRADE C118
24	(65)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C118
25	(66)	M026C	LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	5	GRADE C118
26	(67)	M045C	ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER	1	GRADE C117
27	(68)	E044C	CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	5	GRADE C117
28	(69)	G184C	DHS PROGRAM CONSULTANT	4	GRADE C117
29	(70)	G183C	DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	18	GRADE C117
30	(71)	T052C	DHS/DBHS PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISOR	8	GRADE C117
31	(72)	L055C	DIETICIAN	2	GRADE C117
32	(73)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	4	GRADE C117
33	(74)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
34	(75)	X101C	INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE C117
35	(76)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C117
36	(77)	P020C	PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	GRADE C117

1	(78)	L051C	REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	2	GRADE C117
2	(79)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	4	GRADE C117
3	(80)	C022C	BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
4	(81)	P031C	MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
5	(82)	T055C	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	27	GRADE C116
6	(83)	S022C	SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	8	GRADE C116
7	(84)	S021C	WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT SUP	1	GRADE C116
8	(85)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	10	GRADE C115
9	(86)	D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C115
10	(87)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
11	(88)	D077C	HELP DESK SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
12	(89)	R032C	HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	1	GRADE C115
13	(90)	L062C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE SUPERVISOR	14	GRADE C115
14	(91)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C115
15	(92)	C028C	MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
16	(93)	A090C	PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C115
17	(94)	G204C	PLANNING SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C115
18	(95)	V015C	PURCHASING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
19	(96)	X136C	QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	1	GRADE C115
20	(97)	S031C	SKILLED TRADESMAN	25	GRADE C115
21	(98)	S030C	WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT OPE	2	GRADE C115
22	(99)	S041C	BOILER OPERATOR	3	GRADE C114
23	(100)	S044C	FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	2	GRADE C114
24	(101)	M066C	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	4	GRADE C114
25	(102)	M065C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C114
26	(103)	E051C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C114
27	(104)	S099C	STATIONARY ENGINEER	1	GRADE C114
28	(105)	V018C	WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE C114
29	(106)	C050C	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
30	(107)	X167C	COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE C113
31	(108)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	6	GRADE C113
32	(109)	V020C	INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	4	GRADE C113
33	(110)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	135	GRADE C113
34	(111)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE C113
35	(112)	L067C	PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERN	3	GRADE C113
36	(113)	C043C	RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	5	GRADE C113

1	(114)	L066C	REHABILITATION INSTRUCTOR	41	GRADE C113
2	(115)	T072C	SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
3	(116)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	51	GRADE C112
4	(117)	R037C	BENEFITS TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C112
5	(118)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE C112
6	(119)	A097C	PAYROLL TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C112
7	(120)	V022C	PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C112
8	(121)	S056C	FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	11	GRADE C111
9	(122)	M076C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	29	GRADE C111
10	(123)	V023C	STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C111
11	(124)	B111C	LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C110
12	(125)	T084C	PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	45	GRADE C110
13	(126)	L074C	THERAPY ASSISTANT	3	GRADE C110
14	(127)	V025C	WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C110
15	(128)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	17	GRADE C109
16	(129)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	157	GRADE C109
17	(130)	L080C	DIETETIC TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C109
18	(131)	M082C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	4	GRADE C109
19	(132)	E056C	TEACHER ASSISTANT	4	GRADE C109
20	(133)	M084C	BEHAV HLTH AIDE	77	GRADE C108
21	(134)	C078C	CASHIER	1	GRADE C108
22	(135)	A102C	FISCAL SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C108
23	(136)	S067C	HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C108
24	(137)	V027C	INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	7	GRADE C108
25	(138)	C074C	MEDICAL RECORDS ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C108
26	(139)	M083C	RESIDENTIAL CARE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE C108
27	(140)	S070C	EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	8	GRADE C107
28	(141)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	7	GRADE C106
29	(142)	L086C	PHARMACY ASSISTANT	2	GRADE C106
30	(143)	V028C	WAREHOUSE WORKER	2	GRADE C106
31	(144)	C088C	MAIL SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C105
32	(145)	V030C	SHIPPING & RECEIVING CLERK	3	GRADE C105
33	(146)	S086C	COOK	1	GRADE C104
34	(147)	S085C	FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	8	GRADE C104
35	(148)	S084C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE C104
36	(149)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	53	GRADE C103

1	(150)	S089C	FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	43	GRADE C102
2	(151)	V031C	STOCK CLERK	<u>2</u>	GRADE C102
3			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,169	

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5 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
6 the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health for the
7 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
8 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
9 herein for such purposes: three hundred thirty-six (336) temporary or part-
10 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
11 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
12 act for the appropriate classification.

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14 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
15 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
16 Health, to be payable from the Behavioral Health Services Fund Account, for
17 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services
18 - Division of Behavioral Health - State Operations for the fiscal year ending
19 June 30, 2016, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$40,871,449
24	(02) EXTRA HELP	6,032,518
25	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	16,876,495
26	(04) OVERTIME	4,212,006
27	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	22,224,263
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	75,725
30	(C) PROF. FEES	9,974,882
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,000,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.	0
33	(06) GRANTS/PATIENT SERVICES	24,712,131
34	(07) MENTAL HEALTH CTR TRANSFER	<u>2,599,382</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$130,578,851</u>

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1 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY OPERATIONS. There
 2 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of
 3 Behavioral Health, to be payable from the Highway Safety Special Fund, for
 4 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services
 5 - Division of Behavioral Health - Community Alcohol Safety Operations for the
 6 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

7	8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
10	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$20,788
11	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,870
12	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,000
14	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
15	(C) PROF. FEES	0
16	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17	(E) DATA PROC.	0
18	(04) COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY GRANTS AND	
19	AID	<u>4,061,509</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,094,167</u></u>

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22 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CANTEENS - CASH. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
 24 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 25 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
 26 of the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health -
 27 Canteens - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

28	29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
31	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$349,048
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
34	(C) PROF. FEES	0
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$349,048

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3 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PATIENT BENEFITS - CASH. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
5 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
6 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for benefits of the
7 patients of the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health
8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
12 (01) PATIENT BENEFIT FUND	<u>\$75,000</u>

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14 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS. There is
15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of
16 Behavioral Health, to be payable from the Behavioral Health Services Fund
17 Account, for state assistance to the Community Mental Health Centers by the
18 Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health for the fiscal
19 year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
23 (01) STATE ASSISTANCE	<u>\$8,780,603</u>

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25 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
27 Health, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief
28 Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human
29 Services - Division of Behavioral Health for the fiscal year ending June 30,
30 2016, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
34 (01) MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS	<u>\$9,789,616</u>

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36 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - PER CAPITA.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division
2 of Behavioral Health, to be payable from the Behavioral Health Services Fund
3 Account, for acute mental health services within community-based settings of
4 the catchment areas served by Community Mental Health Centers licensed and
5 certified by the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health
6 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

7	8 ITEM	9 FISCAL YEAR
10	11 NO.	12 2015-2016
	(01) ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES-PER	
	CAPITA	<u>\$5,633,293</u>

13 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. There
14 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of
15 Behavioral Health, to be payable from the Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment
16 Fund, for education, drug abuse prevention and treatment services of the
17 Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health - Alcohol and
18 Drug Abuse Prevention for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the
19 following:

20	21 ITEM	22 FISCAL YEAR
23	24 NO.	25 2015-2016
	(01) EDUCATION/PREVENTION/TREATMENT	<u>\$21,775,000</u>

26 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE DRUG COURTS. There is hereby
27 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
28 Health, to be payable from the Behavioral Health Services Fund Account, for
29 drug treatment of juveniles in Arkansas Juvenile Drug Courts of the
30 Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health - Juvenile Drug
31 Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

32	33 ITEM	34 FISCAL YEAR
35	36 NO.	2015-2016
	(01) JUVENILE DRUG TREATMENT	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 2 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS. There is hereby
 3 allocated to the Community Mental Health Centers, as set out herein, the
 4 following amounts of the funds appropriated for State Assistance in the
 5 Behavioral Health Services - Community Mental Health Centers appropriation,
 6 to the Department of Human Services – Behavioral Health Services Division,
 7 there to be used as provided by law, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 8 ~~2015~~ 2016, the following:

9 10 Item	Maximum Allocation	
	Fiscal Year	
11 No. Mental Health Center	2014-15	<u>2015-16</u>
12 (01) OZARK GUIDANCE CENTER, INC.	\$1,151,920	<u>\$1,407,968</u>
13 (02) HEALTH RESOURCES OF ARKANSAS, INC\OCS	1,076,134	<u>1,052,251</u>
14 (03) DELTA COUNSELING ASSOCIATES, INC.	279,144	<u>230,898</u>
15 (04) SOUTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER	410,327	<u>345,669</u>
16 (05) SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SYS. INC.	474,778	<u>412,935</u>
17 (06) SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS COUNSELING		
18 & MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC.	381,894	<u>354,528</u>
19 (07) COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES, INC.	533,770	<u>520,106</u>
20 (08) WESTERN ARK. COUNSELING & GUIDANCE CENTER	787,607	<u>783,125</u>
21 (09) COUNSELING ASSOCIATES, INC.	705,982	<u>766,168</u>
22 (10) COUNSELING CLINIC, INCORPORATED	274,345	<u>322,561</u>
23 (11) PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING ASSOCIATES	798,459	<u>722,207</u>
24 (12) LITTLE ROCK CMHC	593,619	<u>662,430</u>
25 (13) MID-SOUTH HEALTH SYSTEMS	1,312,624	<u>1,199,757</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED		\$8,780,603

27 The additional funding provided by this provision shall supplement and not
 28 supplant any monies currently funding state assistance to Community Mental
 29 Health Centers.

30 The requirements in this section shall only be implemented in accordance
 31 with any necessary approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 32 Services, and in the event that additional general revenue funding is
 33 provided by the General Assembly for these purposes. Should additional
 34 funding provided for these purposes be insufficient to provide for the
 35 increases in full, the increases shall be provided to the extent that funding
 36 is made available.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014
2 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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4 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

6 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - ALLOCATION RESTRICTION AND TRANSFER PROVISION.

7 Of the amounts allocated in the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - ALLOCATION

8 RESTRICTIONS section above, it is the intent of the General Assembly that

9 such amounts are to be the maximum expended in the applicable fiscal year

10 from the funds as appropriated for State Assistance in the Behavioral Health

11 Services - Community Mental Health Centers appropriation for the benefit of

12 the appropriate program so enumerated. Provided, however, in the event that

13 unforeseen circumstances occur in the fiscal year which would necessitate a

14 transfer of the maximum allocation provided the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES -

15 ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS section above from one or more programs to another

16 program or programs as enumerated in the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES -

17 ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS section above, the Behavioral Health Services

18 Division with the approval of the Director of the Department of Human

19 Services shall make its request known, and the reasons thereof, to the Office

20 of Budget, Department of Finance and Administration in such form and detail

21 as may be required by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. If approved,

22 such transfer approval shall be transmitted to the Bureau of Legislative

23 Research who shall make a report of the transfer and the reasons thereof to

24 the Arkansas Legislative Council at least quarterly.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014

26 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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28 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

30 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - LEGISLATIVE AUDIT OF MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS.

31 Every Mental Health Center eligible to receive any of the funds appropriated

32 for State Assistance in the Behavioral Health Services - Community Mental

33 Health Centers appropriation in this Act shall, as a condition of receiving

34 any such funds, be subject to an annual audit of the overall operation of

35 such Mental Health Center by the Division of Legislative Audit. The Mental

36 Health Centers shall submit a budget to the Behavioral Health Services

1 Division, Department of Human Services, and the Arkansas Legislative Council
2 and go through the budget procedures process in the same manner as State
3 departments, agencies, institutions, boards and commissions. Budgets shall be
4 submitted based on operating revenues and expenses of each Center and each
5 Center shall provide information related to financial status requested by the
6 Legislative Council and/or Joint Budget Committee.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
8 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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10 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
12 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS. All funds appropriated
13 under the provisions of the State Assistance line item in the Behavioral
14 Health Services - Community Mental Health Centers appropriation in this Act
15 shall be apportioned on the basis of three dollars and six cents (\$3.06) per
16 capita for fiscal year ~~2014-2015~~ 2015-2016 or so much thereof as funds shall
17 become available. Additional funds shall be apportioned on the basis of fifty
18 cents (\$.50) per capita or a one-to-one State/Local funds matching basis for
19 the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016. The total \$8,780,603 allocated for
20 FY ~~2014-2015~~ 2015-2016 shall be distributed to the community mental health
21 centers as described in this section.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
23 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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25 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
27 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - GRANTS-IN-AID CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING FUNDS.
28 Only locally-operated Centers and Clinics licensed or certified by the
29 Behavioral Health Services Division are eligible to receive funds
30 appropriated for State Assistance in the Behavioral Health Services -
31 Community Mental Health Centers appropriation in this Act, and as a condition
32 of receiving such funds they shall:

33 (1) Meet minimum standards of performance in the delivery of Mental Health
34 Services as defined by the Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health
35 Services Division. Such standards will identify priority and/or target
36 populations to be served. The standards shall describe procedures for

1 assuring timely service delivery to clients who are within the custody of the
2 Department of Human Services when such clients are referred to a duly
3 certified center or clinic. Provided further, all such priorities, policies
4 and procedures shall be reviewed by the House Aging, Children & Youth,
5 Legislative and Military Affairs Committee and the Senate Children and Youth
6 Committee.

7 (2) Supply statistical data to the Department of Human Services,
8 Behavioral Health Services Division.

9 (3) Establish and maintain a sound financial management system in
10 accordance with guidelines as set forth by the Department of Human Services,
11 Behavioral Health Services Division.

12 (4) Establish and maintain community support programs designed to provide
13 coordinated care and treatment to ensure ongoing therapeutic involvement and
14 individualized treatment for persons with long-term, severe mental illness.
15 Every community support program shall use a coordinated case management
16 system and shall provide or assure access to services for persons with long-
17 term, severe mental illness who reside within the respective catchment area
18 of the Center. At a minimum, each community support program shall provide
19 assessment, diagnosis, identification of persons in need of services, case
20 management, crisis intervention, psychiatric treatment including medication
21 services and supervision, counseling and psychotherapy, activities of daily
22 living, housing, protection and advocacy, and psychosocial rehabilitation
23 which may include services provided by day treatment programs.

24 (5) The Board of Directors of each Center or Clinic licensed or certified
25 by the Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Services Division,
26 shall adopt and submit to the Director, Behavioral Health Services Division,
27 in the form and according to the procedures specified by the Director,
28 Behavioral Health Services Division, an annual plan for the delivery of
29 community support services for persons with long-term, severe mental illness.
30 Each Center's plan must be approved by the Director, Behavioral Health
31 Services Division.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
33 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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35 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - FEDERAL FUNDS. It is the specific intent of the
2 General Assembly that in the event of the availability of federal funding for
3 the Division of Behavioral Health Services during the fiscal year ending June
4 30, ~~2015~~ 2016, that such funding be utilized to conserve or reduce the
5 expenditure of general revenue except where prohibited by law.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
7 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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9 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

11 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. Pay rates for physicians and chief psychologists
12 within the Division of Behavioral Health Services may include the special
13 allowances available to UAMS physicians and professional faculty as described
14 in the special language of the UAMS appropriation. Part of the salaries of
15 such staff will come from the receipt of professional income in the care of
16 patients and/or funds received from federal agencies, foundations and other
17 private sponsors in the support of research. Provided that any such allowance
18 shall not exceed, for any employee, an amount equal to two and one half times
19 the salary authorized by the General Assembly. The specific Division of
20 Behavioral Health classifications covered by this language are:

21 Class

22 Code Title

23 L005N Psychiatric Specialist

24 L009N DHS Behavioral Health General Physician

25 L001C Psychologist Supervisor

26 Prior to these allowances being made available for an individual, they
27 will be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and reviewed by the
28 Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget
29 Committee.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
31 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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33 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

35 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - VOCATIONAL TRAINEES. The Division of Behavioral
36 Health Services of the Department of Human Services is hereby authorized to

1 provide employment opportunities for some of the working residents who are
2 separate from the currently authorized regular vocational trainee positions.
3 The positions authorized herein shall not be incorporated into the present
4 classification system but shall be provided for by each Community Mental
5 Health Center, or State Hospital, on a cash account basis. It is the intent
6 of the General Assembly that the authorization of these positions shall
7 facilitate the Agency's ability to provide for residents who are not part of
8 a regular vocational training program.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
10 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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12 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

14 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - JOB SHARE. The Division of Behavioral Health
15 Services can utilize job share for positions within the nursing
16 classification (RN, LPN/LPTN, BHA/CNA) for up to 24 hours per week per
17 individual. This will allow the Division to offer weekend option shifts to
18 nursing personnel without increasing the number of positions.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
20 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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22 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

24 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - STATE HOSPITAL CONTINGENCY POSITIONS. If the
25 Department of Human Services determines, and after prior review by the
26 Legislative Council, it shall be determined that it is in the best interest
27 of the State of Arkansas to discontinue a management contract with a private
28 provider and it is deemed necessary to utilize Department staff to provide
29 the required services, the Director of the Department of Human Services may
30 request the Department of Finance and Administration to approve the
31 establishment of one or more additional positions at salary rates not to
32 exceed the maximum salaries established for comparable positions in the
33 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, the Department of Human
34 Services' Appropriation Act, and the University of Arkansas for Medical
35 Sciences' Appropriation Act. Upon approval by the Department of Finance and
36 Administration and after review by the Legislative Council, the Department of

1 Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services may establish such
2 positions.

3 If the agency requests continuation of a "Growth Pool" position(s) as
4 established herein, the position(s) must be requested as a new position(s) in
5 the agency's budget request.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014
7 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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9 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
11 HEALTH CENTER. (A) The Department of Human Services shall not close the
12 Arkansas Health Center that provides skilled nursing through specialized
13 services and programs.

14 (B) The Department of Human Services shall continue to accept clients for
15 whom it has determined that skilled nursing and specialized services are
16 needed at the Arkansas Health Center.

17 (C) No funds shall be transferred or reduced from the Arkansas Health
18 Center, except for use as federal matching funds, below the approved funding
19 level on March 1, 2003 without the prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative
20 Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

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

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014
2 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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4 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
6 HELP – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. Employees in extra-help positions at the
7 Department of Human Services – Behavioral Health Division may receive an
8 amount not to exceed eighty-five percent (85%) of the maximum annual salary
9 for a comparable position as authorized under § 21-5-201 et seq. during any
10 fiscal year, nor shall such an employee be employed for a period of time to
11 exceed one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours in any single fiscal year.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014
13 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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15 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
17 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS. Each Community Mental
18 Health Center shall contract with one or more facilities of its choice
19 (excluding Arkansas State Hospital) to provide the inpatient care for
20 indigent patients which the Community Mental Health Center has determined to
21 be necessary after prompt screening by the Community Mental Health Center.
22 Payment for patients screened and approved by the Community Mental Health
23 Center who receive care at these inpatient facilities shall be provided to
24 the inpatient facilities at the contract rate unless the funds available for
25 this purpose have been exhausted. Available funding as determined by the
26 Director of the Department of Human Services shall be apportioned on a per
27 capita basis up to a maximum of three dollars and forty-eight cents (\$3.48)
28 per capita for fiscal year ~~2014-2015~~ 2015-2016. The most recently available
29 federal population census shall be used in determining the population of each
30 catchment area of the thirteen Community Mental Health Centers. All amounts
31 appropriated under this section shall be used by Community Mental Health
32 Centers for residents of each center's catchment area and such funds shall
33 only be accessed as the payment of last resort.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
35 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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1 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
3 REPORTING. The Division of Behavioral Health Services shall develop an
4 evaluation and monitoring program that will assure all expenditures are made
5 consistent with the intent of these appropriations. As a condition for
6 receiving funds under this Act, Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) shall
7 report quarterly to the Division of Behavioral Health Services the following
8 data:

9 (1) The number of involuntary commitments and medically indigent
10 admissions referred by CMHCs to community-based settings;

11 (2) The number of involuntary commitments and medically indigent
12 admissions to community-based settings receiving assistance from the acute
13 mental health services funds;

14 (3) The total number of acute bed days utilized by these involuntary
15 commitments;

16 (4) The total number of bed days utilized by these medically indigent
17 admissions;

18 (5) The average length of stay of admissions for these involuntary
19 commitments per catchment area;

20 (6) The average length of stay of admissions for these medically indigent
21 admissions per catchment area;

22 (7) The number of medically indigent admissions per catchment area unable
23 to receive assistance from the acute mental health services funds due to such
24 funds being depleted by prior admissions;

25 (8) The number of re-admissions per catchment area for involuntary
26 commitments and medically indigent admissions to community-based settings
27 receiving assistance from the acute mental health services; and

28 (9) Identify any steps taken by CMHCs to improve access to acute mental
29 health services.

30 The Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services
31 shall report quarterly the data collected from the CMHCs to the House and
32 Senate Subcommittees on Public Health.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
34 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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36 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ACUTE
2 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – PER CAPITA - LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. The
3 General Assembly recognizes that the state encouraged the treatment of
4 mentally ill residents within community-based settings over two decades ago
5 and has taken various approaches to funding since then. The General Assembly
6 also recognizes that there are inherent problems within the current public
7 mental health system that create disincentives for proper treatment and care.
8 The purpose of the Acute Mental Health Services – Per Capita appropriation is
9 to provide an appropriation for acute mental health services to be utilized
10 within community-based settings for the treatment and care of medically
11 indigent persons 18 years of age and older and involuntary commitments to the
12 public mental health system. The appropriation for acute mental health
13 services provided in this Act shall only be used for Community Mental Health
14 Centers licensed and certified by the Division of Behavioral Health of the
15 Department of Human Services for use within community-based settings and
16 facilities.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
18 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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20 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
22 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - PROCEEDS FOR SALES OF TIMBER AND HAY - CAPITAL
23 IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT. The Division of Behavioral Health Services is
24 authorized to use administrative operating account for capital improvements
25 to the physical plant, and for the purchase of capital equipment, and for the
26 operation of the Arkansas Health Center, operated by the Department of Human
27 Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services. The funds shall be held by
28 the Department of Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services,
29 from the proceeds of the sale of timber and hay that may be harvested from
30 land owned by the Division of Behavioral Health Services. All funds deposited
31 and all expenses shall be tracked separately. The harvesting of timber and
32 hay is specifically authorized to provide funds to finance capital
33 improvements to the physical plant, for the purchase of major capital
34 equipment, and for the operation of the Arkansas Health Center. The Division
35 of Behavioral Health Services shall report all income derived from the sale
36 of timber and hay to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the

1 Legislative Council. Any contracts initiated for the harvesting of timber and
 2 hay shall be submitted to the Review Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative
 3 Council for prior review. All expenditures of funds derived from the sale of
 4 timber and hay will be expended in accordance with relevant state purchasing
 5 laws.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014
 7 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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9 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
 11 RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS. For employees hired on or after July
 12 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed below,
 13 the Division of Behavioral Health Director shall implement salary adjustments
 14 utilizing the approved pay grid for teachers employed by the Arkansas Schools
 15 for the Blind and Deaf.

16 To achieve the salary adjustments, the Division of Behavioral Health is
 17 authorized to pay special rates of pay for classifications at the Arkansas
 18 State Hospital listed below:

19 Classification	Title	Grade
20 E044C	Certified Bachelors Teacher	C117
21 E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	C119

22 Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that
 23 is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required,
 24 be provided by a transfer from the Merit Adjustment Fund to the proper fund
 25 or fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 26 of the State. The Division of Behavioral Health shall in addition to the
 27 funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments
 28 from the Merit Adjustment Fund, make available any funding generated from
 29 agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as
 30 provided by law.

31 For employees hired on or after July 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State
 32 Hospital in the classifications listed above, the Division of Behavioral
 33 Health Director shall set the number of work days for the employment year to
 34 equal the number of days worked by those employed in the same classifications
 35 at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf. The accrual, use, and
 36 carryover of sick days, personal days, and holidays of the employees at the

1 Arkansas State Hospital that are hired on or after July 1, 2013, or current
2 employees choosing to adopt this plan, shall be treated in the same manner as
3 those employed in the same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the
4 Blind and Deaf.

5 Those currently employed at the Arkansas State Hospital in the
6 classifications listed above as of June 30, 2013, have the one-time option of
7 adopting this language or continuing to operate under the same salary, leave
8 and benefit plans they are currently receiving. Employees must make their
9 decision by June 30, 2013.

10 Accrued annual and holiday leave, up to 240 hours, as of June 30,
11 2013, will be paid out to current employees choosing to adopt this plan. Any
12 additional accrued annual and holiday leave will be forfeited. Accrued sick
13 leave, as of June 30, 2013, shall be retained on file and shall be exhausted
14 before any newly accrued sick leave may be taken.

15 All employees affected by this section shall be eligible to receive
16 hazardous duty pay for time worked in eligible areas.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
18 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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

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30 SECTION 30. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 31. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
4 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
5 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
9 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
10 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
11 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
13 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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15 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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