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SENATE BILL 125

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 SERVICES FOR
11 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
17 SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2016-2017
18 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for
25 the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services for
26 the 2016-2017 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 2016-2017
32	(1) L005N	PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N919
33	(2) N182N	ASH CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	1	GRADE N918
34	(3) L009N	DHS BEHAV HLTH GENERAL PHYSICIAN	6	GRADE N917
35	(4) L011N	DENTIST	1	GRADE N916
36	(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)	N184N	DHS DIR OF PROG IMP & INVESTIGATIONS	1	GRADE N908
4	(9)	N189N	DHS/DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
5	(10)	N088N	DHS AHC DIRECTOR OF NURSING	1	GRADE N906
6	(11)	N103N	DHS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
7	(12)	N128N	DHS ASST DIR QUALITY ASSURANCE	1	GRADE N904
8	(13)	N123N	DHS/DBHS ASST DIR FOR FINANCE	1	GRADE N904
9	(14)	N127N	DHS/DBHS DIR ALCHL & DRUG ABUSE PREV	1	GRADE N904
10	(15)	N185N	DIR OF OUTCOMES MGMT & PRACTICE IMPR	1	GRADE N904
11	(16)	N135N	DHS AHC NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE N903
12	(17)	N167N	DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	2	GRADE N901
13	(18)	N153N	DHS/DBHS CLINICAL DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N901
14	(19)	L022N	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	3	GRADE N901
15	(20)	L021N	PHYSICAL THERAPIST	1	GRADE N901
16	(21)	N162N	STATE DRUG PREVENTION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N901
17	(22)	L001C	PSYCHOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C129
18	(23)	M002C	DHS BEHAV HLTH ASSOC DIR, AHC	1	GRADE C127
19	(24)	M003C	DHS BEHAV HLTH CHILDREN SYS CARE DIR	2	GRADE C127
20	(25)	L003C	PSYCHOLOGIST	4	GRADE C127
21	(26)	L006C	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF NURSING	3	GRADE C126
22	(27)	L011C	DHS ALCHL/DRUG ABUSE PREV AST DP DIR	1	GRADE C125
23	(28)	A024C	DHS DIVISION CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	2	GRADE C125
24	(29)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	8	GRADE C125
25	(30)	M004C	RESIDENTIAL OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE C125
26	(31)	L015C	CLINICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	2	GRADE C124
27	(32)	L024C	DHS BEHAV HLTH FACILITY ADMIN	1	GRADE C123
28	(33)	A038C	FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
29	(34)	G099C	DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	5	GRADE C122
30	(35)	A041C	PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C122
31	(36)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	19	GRADE C122
32	(37)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
33	(38)	M010C	FAMILY SERVICE WORKER CLINICAL SPEC	2	GRADE C121
34	(39)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	30	GRADE C121
35	(40)	S004C	MAINTENANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE C121
36	(41)	L036C	NURSE INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE C121

1	(42)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	3	GRADE C121
2	(43)	L033C	PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	3	GRADE C121
3	(44)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	61	GRADE C121
4	(45)	G131C	DHS BEHAV HLTH MED BUS PRACTICES ADM	2	GRADE C120
5	(46)	T031C	DHS BEHAV HLTH PUBLIC SAFETY DIR	2	GRADE C120
6	(47)	L040C	DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C120
7	(48)	E026C	EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
8	(49)	D057C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
9	(50)	G124C	OMBUDSMAN	1	GRADE C120
10	(51)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	8	GRADE C120
11	(52)	E023C	TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
12	(53)	V008C	BUYER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C119
13	(54)	E035C	CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	1	GRADE C119
14	(55)	D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	2	GRADE C119
15	(56)	L044C	DHS BEHAV HLTH CASE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
16	(57)	G152C	DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	7	GRADE C119
17	(58)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
18	(59)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
19	(60)	A063C	RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C119
20	(61)	A060C	SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE C119
21	(62)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE C118
22	(63)	L050C	CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECH	4	GRADE C118
23	(64)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C118
24	(65)	M026C	LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	5	GRADE C118
25	(66)	M045C	ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER	1	GRADE C117
26	(67)	E044C	CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	5	GRADE C117
27	(68)	G184C	DHS PROGRAM CONSULTANT	4	GRADE C117
28	(69)	G183C	DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	17	GRADE C117
29	(70)	T052C	DHS/DBHS PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISOR	8	GRADE C117
30	(71)	L055C	DIETICIAN	2	GRADE C117
31	(72)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	4	GRADE C117
32	(73)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
33	(74)	X101C	INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE C117
34	(75)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C117
35	(76)	P020C	PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	GRADE C117
36	(77)	L051C	REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	2	GRADE C117

1	(78)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	4	GRADE C117
2	(79)	C022C	BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
3	(80)	P031C	MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
4	(81)	T055C	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	27	GRADE C116
5	(82)	S022C	SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	8	GRADE C116
6	(83)	S021C	WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT SUP	1	GRADE C116
7	(84)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	10	GRADE C115
8	(85)	D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C115
9	(86)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
10	(87)	D077C	HELP DESK SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
11	(88)	R032C	HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	1	GRADE C115
12	(89)	L062C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE SUPERVISOR	14	GRADE C115
13	(90)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C115
14	(91)	C028C	MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
15	(92)	A090C	PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C115
16	(93)	G204C	PLANNING SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C115
17	(94)	V015C	PURCHASING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
18	(95)	X136C	QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	1	GRADE C115
19	(96)	S031C	SKILLED TRADESMAN	25	GRADE C115
20	(97)	S030C	WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT OPE	2	GRADE C115
21	(98)	S041C	BOILER OPERATOR	3	GRADE C114
22	(99)	S044C	FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	2	GRADE C114
23	(100)	M066C	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	4	GRADE C114
24	(101)	M065C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C114
25	(102)	E051C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C114
26	(103)	S099C	STATIONARY ENGINEER	1	GRADE C114
27	(104)	V018C	WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE C114
28	(105)	C050C	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
29	(106)	X167C	COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE C113
30	(107)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	6	GRADE C113
31	(108)	V020C	INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	4	GRADE C113
32	(109)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	135	GRADE C113
33	(110)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE C113
34	(111)	L067C	PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERN	3	GRADE C113
35	(112)	C043C	RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	5	GRADE C113
36	(113)	L066C	REHABILITATION INSTRUCTOR	41	GRADE C113

1	(114)	T072C	SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
2	(115)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	51	GRADE C112
3	(116)	R037C	BENEFITS TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C112
4	(117)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE C112
5	(118)	A097C	PAYROLL TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C112
6	(119)	V022C	PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C112
7	(120)	S056C	FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	11	GRADE C111
8	(121)	M076C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	29	GRADE C111
9	(122)	V023C	STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C111
10	(123)	B111C	LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C110
11	(124)	T084C	PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	45	GRADE C110
12	(125)	L074C	THERAPY ASSISTANT	3	GRADE C110
13	(126)	V025C	WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C110
14	(127)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	17	GRADE C109
15	(128)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	157	GRADE C109
16	(129)	L080C	DIETETIC TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C109
17	(130)	M082C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	4	GRADE C109
18	(131)	E056C	TEACHER ASSISTANT	4	GRADE C109
19	(132)	M084C	BEHAV HLTH AIDE	77	GRADE C108
20	(133)	C078C	CASHIER	1	GRADE C108
21	(134)	A102C	FISCAL SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C108
22	(135)	S067C	HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C108
23	(136)	V027C	INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	7	GRADE C108
24	(137)	C074C	MEDICAL RECORDS ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C108
25	(138)	M083C	RESIDENTIAL CARE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE C108
26	(139)	S070C	EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	8	GRADE C107
27	(140)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	7	GRADE C106
28	(141)	L086C	PHARMACY ASSISTANT	2	GRADE C106
29	(142)	V028C	WAREHOUSE WORKER	2	GRADE C106
30	(143)	C088C	MAIL SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C105
31	(144)	V030C	SHIPPING & RECEIVING CLERK	3	GRADE C105
32	(145)	S086C	COOK	1	GRADE C104
33	(146)	S085C	FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	8	GRADE C104
34	(147)	S084C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE C104
35	(148)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	53	GRADE C103
36	(149)	S089C	FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	43	GRADE C102

1 (150) V031C STOCK CLERK 2 GRADE C102
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 1,167

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 4 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 5 the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services for
 6 the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 7 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 8 appropriated herein for such purposes: three hundred thirty-five (335)
 9 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 10 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 11 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 13 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 14 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
 15 Health Services, to be payable from the Behavioral Health Services Fund
 16 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 17 Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services - State Operations
 18 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
22 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$40,701,756
23 (02) EXTRA HELP	6,032,518
24 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	16,818,290
25 (04) OVERTIME	4,212,006
26 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	24,224,263
28 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	75,725
29 (C) PROF. FEES	9,974,882
30 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000,000
31 (E) DATA PROC.	0
32 (06) GRANTS/PATIENT SERVICES	24,467,531
33 (07) MENTAL HEALTH CTR TRANSFER	<u>2,599,382</u>
34 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$131,106,353</u>

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 36 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY OPERATIONS. There

1 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of
 2 Behavioral Health Services, to be payable from the Highway Safety Special
 3 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human
 4 Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services - Community Alcohol Safety
 5 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$20,788
10 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,870
11 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,000
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
14 (C) PROF. FEES	0
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (04) COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY GRANTS AND	
18 AID	<u>4,061,509</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,094,167</u></u>

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 21 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CANTEENS - CASH. There is hereby
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
 23 Health Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
 24 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 25 operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of
 26 Behavioral Health Services - Canteens - Cash for the fiscal year ending June
 27 30, 2017, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</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 Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
 6 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for benefits
 7 of the patients of the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
 8 Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</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 Services, to be payable from the Behavioral Health Services
 17 Fund Account, for state assistance to the Community Mental Health Centers by
 18 the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services for
 19 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</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 Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the
 28 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of
 29 Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year
 30 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</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 Services, to be payable from the Behavioral Health
 3 Services Fund Account, for acute mental health services within community-
 4 based settings of the catchment areas served by Community Mental Health
 5 Centers licensed and certified by the Department of Human Services - Division
 6 of Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the
 7 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES-PER CAPITA	<u>\$3,875,080</u>

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 14 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. There
 15 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of
 16 Behavioral Health Services, to be payable from the Drug Abuse Prevention and
 17 Treatment Fund, for education, drug abuse prevention and treatment services
 18 of the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services
 19 - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,
 20 the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) EDUCATION/PREVENTION/TREATMENT	<u>\$21,770,069</u>

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 26 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE DRUG COURTS. There is hereby
 27 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral
 28 Health Services, to be payable from the Behavioral Health Services Fund
 29 Account, for drug treatment of juveniles in Arkansas Juvenile Drug Courts of
 30 the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services -
 31 Juvenile Drug Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) JUVENILE DRUG TREATMENT	<u>\$500,000</u>

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1 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS. There is hereby
 4 allocated to the Community Mental Health Centers, as set out herein, the
 5 following amounts of the funds appropriated for State Assistance in the
 6 Behavioral Health Services - Community Mental Health Centers appropriation,
 7 to the Department of Human Services – Behavioral Health Services Division,
 8 there to be used as provided by law, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 9 ~~2016~~ 2017, the following:

10		Maximum Allocation
11	Item	Fiscal Year
12	No. Mental Health Center	2015-16 <u>2016-17</u>
13	(01) OZARK GUIDANCE CENTER, INC.	\$1,407,968
14	(02) HEALTH RESOURCES OF ARKANSAS, INC\OCS	1,052,251
15	(03) DELTA COUNSELING ASSOCIATES, INC.	230,898
16	(04) SOUTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER	345,669
17	(05) SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SYS. INC.	412,935
18	(06) SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS COUNSELING	
19	& MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC.	354,528
20	(07) COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES, INC.	520,106
21	(08) WESTERN ARK. COUNSELING & GUIDANCE CENTER	783,125
22	(09) COUNSELING ASSOCIATES, INC.	766,168
23	(10) COUNSELING CLINIC, INCORPORATED	322,561
24	(11) PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING ASSOCIATES	722,207
25	(12) LITTLE ROCK CMHC	662,430
26	(13) MID-SOUTH HEALTH SYSTEMS	<u>1,199,757</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED	\$8,780,603

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

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

1 is made available.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
3 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - ALLOCATION RESTRICTION AND TRANSFER PROVISION.

8 Of the amounts allocated in the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - ALLOCATION
9 RESTRICTIONS section above, it is the intent of the General Assembly that
10 such amounts are to be the maximum expended in the applicable fiscal year
11 from the funds as appropriated for State Assistance in the Behavioral Health
12 Services - Community Mental Health Centers appropriation for the benefit of
13 the appropriate program so enumerated. Provided, however, in the event that
14 unforeseen circumstances occur in the fiscal year which would necessitate a
15 transfer of the maximum allocation provided the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES -
16 ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS section above from one or more programs to another
17 program or programs as enumerated in the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES -
18 ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS section above, the Behavioral Health Services
19 Division with the approval of the Director of the Department of Human
20 Services shall make its request known, and the reasons thereof, to the Office
21 of Budget, Department of Finance and Administration in such form and detail
22 as may be required by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. If approved,
23 such transfer approval shall be transmitted to the Bureau of Legislative
24 Research who shall make a report of the transfer and the reasons thereof to
25 the Arkansas Legislative Council at least quarterly.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
27 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

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

32 Every Mental Health Center eligible to receive any of the funds appropriated
33 for State Assistance in the Behavioral Health Services - Community Mental
34 Health Centers appropriation in this Act shall, as a condition of receiving
35 any such funds, be subject to an annual audit of the overall operation of
36 such Mental Health Center by the Division of Legislative Audit. The Mental

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

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
9 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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11 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

13 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS. All funds appropriated
14 under the provisions of the State Assistance line item in the Behavioral
15 Health Services - Community Mental Health Centers appropriation in this Act
16 shall be apportioned on the basis of three dollars and six cents (\$3.06) per
17 capita for fiscal year ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017 or so much thereof as funds shall
18 become available. Additional funds shall be apportioned on the basis of fifty
19 cents (\$.50) per capita or a one-to-one State/Local funds matching basis for
20 the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017. The total \$8,780,603 allocated for
21 FY ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017 shall be distributed to the community mental health
22 centers as described in this section.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
24 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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26 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

28 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - GRANTS-IN-AID CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING FUNDS.

29 Only locally-operated Centers and Clinics licensed or certified by the
30 Behavioral Health Services Division are eligible to receive funds
31 appropriated for State Assistance in the Behavioral Health Services -
32 Community Mental Health Centers appropriation in this Act, and as a condition
33 of receiving such funds they shall:

34 (1) Meet minimum standards of performance in the delivery of Mental Health
35 Services as defined by the Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health
36 Services Division. Such standards will identify priority and/or target

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

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

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

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

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

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
34 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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36 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

2 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - FEDERAL FUNDS. It is the specific intent of the
3 General Assembly that in the event of the availability of federal funding for
4 the Division of Behavioral Health Services during the fiscal year ending June
5 30, ~~2016~~ 2017, that such funding be utilized to conserve or reduce the
6 expenditure of general revenue except where prohibited by law.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
8 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

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

22 Class

23 Code Title

24 L005N Psychiatric Specialist

25 L009N DHS Behavioral Health General Physician

26 L001C Psychologist Supervisor

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

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
32 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

36 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - VOCATIONAL TRAINEES. The Division of Behavioral

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

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
11 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

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

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
21 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

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

1 Administration and after review by the Legislative Council, the Department of
2 Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services may establish such
3 positions.

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

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
8 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

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

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

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

1 void.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
3 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
14 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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16 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS. Each Community Mental
19 Health Center shall contract with one or more facilities of its choice
20 (excluding Arkansas State Hospital) to provide the inpatient care for
21 indigent patients which the Community Mental Health Center has determined to
22 be necessary after prompt screening by the Community Mental Health Center.
23 Payment for patients screened and approved by the Community Mental Health
24 Center who receive care at these inpatient facilities shall be provided to
25 the inpatient facilities at the contract rate unless the funds available for
26 this purpose have been exhausted. Available funding as determined by the
27 Director of the Department of Human Services shall be apportioned on a per
28 capita basis up to a maximum of three dollars and forty-eight cents (\$3.48)
29 per capita for fiscal year ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017. The most recently available
30 federal population census shall be used in determining the population of each
31 catchment area of the thirteen Community Mental Health Centers. All amounts
32 appropriated under this section shall be used by Community Mental Health
33 Centers for residents of each center's catchment area and such funds shall
34 only be accessed as the payment of last resort.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
36 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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2 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

4 REPORTING. The Division of Behavioral Health Services shall develop an
5 evaluation and monitoring program that will assure all expenditures are made
6 consistent with the intent of these appropriations. As a condition for
7 receiving funds under this Act, Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) shall
8 report quarterly to the Division of Behavioral Health Services the following
9 data:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
35 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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1 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ACUTE
3 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – PER CAPITA - LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. The
4 General Assembly recognizes that the state encouraged the treatment of
5 mentally ill residents within community-based settings over two decades ago
6 and has taken various approaches to funding since then. The General Assembly
7 also recognizes that there are inherent problems within the current public
8 mental health system that create disincentives for proper treatment and care.
9 The purpose of the Acute Mental Health Services – Per Capita appropriation is
10 to provide an appropriation for acute mental health services to be utilized
11 within community-based settings for the treatment and care of medically
12 indigent persons 18 years of age and older and involuntary commitments to the
13 public mental health system. The appropriation for acute mental health
14 services provided in this Act shall only be used for Community Mental Health
15 Centers licensed and certified by the Division of Behavioral Health of the
16 Department of Human Services for use within community-based settings and
17 facilities.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
19 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

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

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
 8 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
19 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

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

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 31. 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, 2016 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, 2016 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, 2016.

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