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1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2020
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 47

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 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
10 OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
11 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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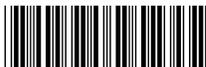
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14 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
15 THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-
16 2021 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
23 for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2020-2021 fiscal year,
24 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 2020-2021
30	(1)	Q004N AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
31	(2)	Q260C AOC COURT APPLICATIONS BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE IT10
32	(3)	Q088C AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
33	(4)	Q219C AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
34	(5)	Q114C AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST II	2	GRADE IT06
35	(6)	Q048C AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	2	GRADE IT06
36	(7)	Q070C AOC REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE IT05



1	(8)	Q082C AOC INTERPRETER SC:L	1	GRADE IT04
2	(9)	Q008N AOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
3	(10)	Q009C AOC MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS13
4	(11)	Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS12
5	(12)	Q050C AOC COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
6	(13)	Q071C AOC FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS11
7	(14)	Q058C AOC JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS10
8	(15)	Q104C AOC PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
9	(16)	Q014C AOC SPECIALTY COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
10	(17)	Q069C AOC CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
11	(18)	Q258C AOC JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
12	(19)	Q057C AOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS08
13	(20)	Q081C AOC SPANISH INTERPRETER	3	GRADE GS08
14	(21)	Q089C AOC OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
15	(22)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS06
16	(23)	Q102C AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
17	(24)	Q105C AOC RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
18	(25)	A090C PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS05
19		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	42	

21 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 22 the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2020-2021 fiscal
 23 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 24 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 25 purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
 26 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 27 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 28 classification.

30 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 31 to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State
 32 Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 33 Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the fiscal year ending
 34 June 30, 2021, the following:

36 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,667,631
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	828,824
5	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	344,265
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
8	(C) PROF. FEES	45,000
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500
10	(E) DATA PROC.	0
11	(05) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	260,000
12	(06) COURT INTERPRETER FEES	<u>479,350</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,829,570</u></u>

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 15 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION. There is
 16 hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute
 17 Resolution Commission for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum
 18 number of regular employees.

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20			Maximum Annual
21		Maximum	Salary Rate
22	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
23	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
24	(1) Q020C AOC ADR PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
25	(2) Q132C AOC ADR TRAINING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
26	(3) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
27	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

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 29 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - STATE.
 30 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to
 31 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,
 32 operating expenses and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts -
 33 Dispute Resolution Commission - State for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 34 2021, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$156,126
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	51,218
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	35,514
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	31,604
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANTS	<u>25,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$314,462</u></u>

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13 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION -
 14 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the
 15 Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 16 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses,
 17 fees and services of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative
 18 Dispute Resolution Commission - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 19 2021, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
23	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$125,000
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	120,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$275,000</u></u>

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31 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS - STATE. There
 32 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be
 33 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for
 34 reasonable accommodations for persons with hearing and visual impairments to
 35 act as a venire person or juror for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the
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	NO.	<u>2020-2021</u>
	(01) AUXILLIARY AIDS-HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES CONTINUING EDUCATION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for a continuing education program for District Judges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
	NO.	<u>2020-2021</u>
	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$80,000</u>

SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

	Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year
	No. Code Title	Employees	2020-2021
	(1) Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
	(2) Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS12
	(3) Q029C AOC AD LITEM ATTORNEY	34	GRADE GS11
	(4) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	38	

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SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be transferred from the State Administration of Justice Fund, and to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,769,280
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	831,778
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	466,514
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,405,816
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	1,750,000
(05) ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>396,750</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,630,138</u></u>

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	No. of	Salary Rate
<u>Title</u>			<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2020-2021</u>
<u>Employees</u>			
(1)	Q015N	AOC APPLICATIONS DIRECTOR	1 GRADE IT11
(2)	Q012N	AOC CIS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1 GRADE IT11
(3)	Q261C	AOC IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE DIR	1 GRADE IT10
(4)	Q062N	AOC SYSTEMS DIRECTOR	1 GRADE IT10

1	(5)	N187N CIS DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT10
2	(6)	Q259C AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE IT09
3	(7)	Q016C AOC PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
4	(8)	Q005C AOC DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT08
5	(9)	Q140C AOC DEVELOPMENT TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
6	(10)	Q028C AOC TECHNICAL TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
7	(11)	Q136C AOC INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT07
8	(12)	Q139C AOC IT SECURITY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
9	(13)	Q190C AOC PROJECT MANAGER II	3	GRADE IT06
10	(14)	Q142C AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	4	GRADE IT06
11	(15)	Q049C AOC TECHNICAL ANALYST	3	GRADE IT06
12	(16)	Q101C AOC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT06
13	(17)	Q135C AOC BUSINESS ANALYST	4	GRADE IT05
14	(18)	Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
15	(19)	Q189C AOC PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT04
16	(20)	Q138C AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE LEAD	1	GRADE GS10
17	(21)	Q068C AOC APPLICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS09
18	(22)	Q137C AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
19	(23)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
20		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	43	

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22 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 24 the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, for personal services,
 25 operating expenses and other costs associated with the state court automation
 26 system by the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the
 27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,813,082
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	867,105
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,250,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	801,590
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,806,777</u></u>

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5 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - CASH. There is hereby
6 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
7 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
8 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and other costs
9 associated with the state court automation system of the Administrative
10 Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Cash for the fiscal year ending
11 June 30, 2021, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
15	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$150,000
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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23 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES & CLERKS CONTINUING
24 EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the
25 Courts, to be payable from the District Court Judge and District Court Clerk
26 Education Fund, for operating expenses for the purpose of providing
27 continuing education to District Court Judges and District Court Clerks by
28 the Administrative Office of the Courts - District Court Judges & Clerks
29 Continuing Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
33	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	10,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$120,000</u></u>

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5 SECTION 15. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL.

6 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -
 7 Court Improvement - Federal for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following
 8 maximum number of regular employees.

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10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	No. Code Title	2020-2021
14	(1) Q047C AOC CIP DATA ANALYST	1 GRADE IT06
15	(2) Q056C AOC CIP PROGRAM MANAGER	<u>1</u> GRADE GS10
16	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2

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18 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There
 19 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be
 20 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 21 the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the
 22 Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement - Federal for the
 23 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$130,430
28	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	40,235
29	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	350,000
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
32	(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	0
35	(04) COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	<u>200,000</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,000,665</u></u>

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SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.

There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
			2020-2021
(1)	Q121C AOC DIRECTOR ACCESS & VISITATION	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS05
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2020-2021
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$33,929
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,885
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	85,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$141,814</u>

SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security Grants for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1) Q133C AOC DIR OF SEC & EMER PREPAREDNESS	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS10
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and security grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$65,628
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,214
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) SECURITY GRANTS	<u>250,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$368,842</u></u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the County Juror Reimbursement Fund, for reimbursing Arkansas counties for the costs of jurors by the Administrative Office of the Courts - County Juror Reimbursement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
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1 (01) COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENTS \$850,000

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3 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - COURT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
5 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
6 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative
7 Office of the Courts - Court Management Program for the fiscal year ending
8 June 30, 2021, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
12	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
14	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
15	(C) PROF. FEES	0
16	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

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20 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. There is hereby
21 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
22 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
23 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic
24 Violence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
28	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$12,660
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
31	(C) PROF. FEES	0
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,160</u>

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36 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - USDOT CASE MANAGEMENT. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 2 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 3 operating expenses for the US Department of Transportation Case Management
 4 Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - USDOT Case Management
 5 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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	ITEM								FISCAL YEAR
	<u>NO.</u>								<u>2020-2021</u>
9	(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION							
10	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE							\$484,000
11	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL							0
12	(C)	PROF. FEES							0
13	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY							0
14	(E)	DATA PROC.							<u>0</u>
15		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED							<u><u>\$484,000</u></u>

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 17 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - COURT INTERPRETERS. There is hereby
 18 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 19 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 20 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses associated with fees from
 21 Court Interpreter candidates and interpreter fees ordered by judges for the
 22 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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	ITEM								FISCAL YEAR
	<u>NO.</u>								<u>2020-2021</u>
26	(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION							
27	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE							\$10,000
28	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL							0
29	(C)	PROF. FEES							15,000
30	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY							0
31	(E)	DATA PROC.							<u>0</u>
32		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED							<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

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 34 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM. There is hereby
 35 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 36 the Specialty Court Program Fund, for costs associated with the Specialty

1 Court Program and providing assistance and support to the Specialty Court
 2 Advisory Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
6 (01) SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM	<u>\$300,000</u>

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 8 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE DRUG COURT DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to
 10 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 11 of the State, for operating expenses and other associated costs of developing
 12 and implementing a statewide case and data management system for Juvenile
 13 Drug Courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Juvenile Drug Court
 14 Data Management System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the
 15 following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
19 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$400,000
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
22 (C) PROF. FEES	0
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$400,000</u>

26
 27 SECTION 28. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE AWARENESS & RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN -
 28 CASA. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the
 29 Courts - State Awareness & Recruitment Campaign - CASA for the 2020-2021
 30 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

32				Maximum Annual
33				Salary Rate
34	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
35	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
36	(1)	P065C AOC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS07

1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 1

2

3 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - CASA PROGRAM. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
5 the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Fund, for operating
6 expenses and grants to local CASA programs statewide of the Administrative
7 Office of the Courts - CASA Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021,
8 the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
12 (01) CASA PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000</u>

13

14 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - ENHANCEMENT. There is
15 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be
16 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
17 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and other costs
18 associated with the state court automation system by the Administrative
19 Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Enhancement for the fiscal year
20 ending June 30, 2021, the following:

21

22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
24 (01) COURT AUTOMATION EXPENSES	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

25

26 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby
27 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
28 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
29 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Drug Court
30 Enhancement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

31

32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
34 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$27,102
36 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	51,898

1	(C) PROF. FEES	21,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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6 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
8 TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the
9 United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds
10 received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community Highway Safety
11 Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the Courts and
12 deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse expenditures by
13 the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses of the
14 Continuing Education Program for District Judges as appropriated in the
15 District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation herein. The
16 appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts provided in the
17 District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation may be expended
18 only in the event that federal funds have been granted and will be
19 transferred from the Arkansas State Police to reimburse the Continuing
20 Education Program for District Judges.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~
22 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

23

24 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
26 CONTRACTING WITH STATE ATTORNEYS. The Administrative Office of the Courts
27 Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation shall have the authority to
28 enter into a Professional Services Agreement with any qualified attorney who
29 at any time previously served as a State Attorney and was paid by the State
30 as a state employee prior to being appointed to provide representation in the
31 dependency-neglect cases by a Circuit Judge. In addition, the Division shall
32 have the authority to enter into a professional services contract with a
33 qualified person who is serving as a part-time Public Defender or other part-
34 time State Attorney and paid as an employee of the State of Arkansas when the
35 Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney has been appointed to
36 provide Dependency-Neglect Services by a Circuit Judge. The part-time Public

1 Defender or other part-time State Attorney shall be eligible for additional
2 compensation which shall not be construed as exceeding the line item maximum
3 for the grade of that position when the Administrative Office of the Courts
4 reimburses the part-time Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney
5 for Dependency-Neglect Representation services performed. This does not
6 prevent the Administrative Office of the Courts from contracting with any
7 qualified attorney in the state.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~
9 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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11 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
13 DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The
14 Administrative Office of the Courts shall receive approval from the Chief
15 Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
16 Committee to transfer funds and appropriations between line items Regular
17 Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expense, Professional Fees
18 and Attorney Ad Litem Fees/Reimbursements of the Division of Dependency-
19 Neglect Representation appropriation herein for the payment of employees
20 and/or contractors providing legal services for the Division of Dependency-
21 Neglect Representation.

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

1 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~
3 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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5 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
7 AUTHORITY. The Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer
8 funds, from time to time, from the State Administration of Justice Fund to
9 the State Central Services Fund in such amounts as are required to reimburse
10 the State Central Services Fund for a portion of the expenses of the
11 Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect
12 Representation.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~
14 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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16 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING.
18 Funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the Department of
19 Transportation from the safety incentive funds received under P.L. 105-178,
20 title I, Section 1404(a), 23 USC Section 163 for "Safety Incentives to
21 Prevent Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons" may be
22 transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts as directed by the
23 Arkansas State Police for operating expenses of the District Court State
24 Automation System.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~
26 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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28 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MONTHLY
30 INSTALLMENT. From July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 20, ~~2020~~ 2021, a lump sum
31 monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of the annual
32 appropriation provided for in the Division of Dependency-Neglect
33 Representation appropriation of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made
34 available, shall be provided from the State Administration of Justice Fund to
35 the State Central Services Fund to provide a portion of the funds for that
36 appropriation.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2019
2 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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4 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
6 PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
7 State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency
8 is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in
9 Court Automation Appropriation of the Administrative Office of the Courts in
10 this Act to any other line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation.

11 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
12 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
13 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
14 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
15 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
16 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
17 has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more
18 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of
19 the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both
20 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by
21 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
22 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative
23 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.
24 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
25 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
26 this entire section is void.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~2019~~ 2020
28 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

29
30 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 9-27-
31 327(a)(4), concerning adjudication hearings held under the Arkansas Juvenile
32 Code of 1989, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

33 (C)(i) The court may continue an adjudication hearing
34 beyond the sixty-day limitation provided in subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this
35 section in extraordinary circumstances.

36 (ii) As used in this subdivision (a)(4)(C),

1 "extraordinary circumstances" includes without limitation the following
2 circumstances:

3 (a) The Supreme Court orders the suspension of
4 in-person court proceedings; and

5 (b) One (1) of the following has occurred:

6 (1) The President of the United States
7 has declared a national emergency; or

8 (2) The Governor has declared a state of
9 emergency or a statewide public health emergency.

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11 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 9-27-
12 338(c)(3)(C), concerning permanency planning hearings held under the Arkansas
13 Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

14 (C)(i) Placement of the juvenile in the home of the
15 parent, guardian, or custodian shall occur within a time frame consistent
16 with the juvenile's developmental needs but no later than three (3) months
17 from the date of the permanency planning hearing.

18 (ii) The court may authorize a plan to place custody
19 of a juvenile with a parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile despite
20 finding that placement of the juvenile in the home of the parent, guardian,
21 or custodian of the juvenile may not occur within the three-month period
22 required under subdivision (c)(3)(C)(i) of this section if the plan is in the
23 best interest of the child during extraordinary circumstances.

24 (iii) As used in this subdivision (c)(3)(C),
25 "extraordinary circumstances" includes without limitation the following
26 circumstances:

27 (a) The Supreme Court orders the suspension of
28 in-person court proceedings; and

29 (b) One (1) of the following has occurred:

30 (1) The President of the United States
31 has declared a national emergency; or

32 (2) The Governor has declared a state of
33 emergency or a statewide public health emergency;

34
35 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 9-27-
36 341(d), concerning termination of parental rights and definitions under the

1 Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

2 (d)(1) The court shall conduct and complete a termination of parental
3 rights hearing within ninety (90) days from the date the petition for
4 termination of parental rights is filed unless continued for good cause as
5 articulated in the written order of the court.

6 (2)(A) The court may continue a termination of parental rights
7 hearing for up to one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the petition
8 for termination of parental rights is filed in extraordinary circumstances.

9 (B) As used in this subdivision (d)(2), "extraordinary
10 circumstances" includes without limitation the following circumstances:

11 (i) The Supreme Court orders the suspension of in-
12 person court proceedings; and

13 (ii) One (1) of the following has occurred:

14 (a) The President of the United States has
15 declared a national emergency; or

16 (b) The Governor has declared a state of
17 emergency or a statewide public health emergency.

18

19 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Retroactivity.

20 Sections 39 through 41 of this act
21 apply retroactively to cases that are pending as of the effective date of
22 Sections 39 through 41 of this act.

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24 SECTION 43. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
25 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
26 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
27 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
28 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
29 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
30 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
31 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
32 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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34 SECTION 44. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
35 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
36 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

1 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
2 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
3 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
4 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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7 SECTION 45. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
8 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
9 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of
11 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the
12 exception that Sections 39 through 42 in this Act shall be in full force and
13 effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the
14 event of an extension of the Legislative Session, the delay in the effective
15 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm upon the
16 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs, with
17 the exception that Sections 39 through 42 in this Act shall be in full force
18 and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval because it is
19 found and determined by the General Assembly that the Governor has declared a
20 public health emergency due to the spread of an outbreak of coronavirus
21 disease 2019 (COVID-19); that public guidance from federal and state health
22 officials strongly discourages gatherings of more than ten (10) individuals
23 at this time to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Arkansas citizens;
24 and that this act is immediately necessary to allow juvenile proceedings to
25 occur in a time and manner that aligns with public health guidance and
26 ensures the health, safety, and welfare of all parties. Therefore, an
27 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
28 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
29 full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020; with the exception that
30 Sections 39 through Section 42 in this Act shall be in full force and effect
31 from and after the date of its passage and approval.
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34 /s/Joint Budget Committee

35 **APPROVED: 4/20/20**
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