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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 24

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 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
15 THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-
16 2023 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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023
30	(1) Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
31	(2) Q260C	AOC COURT APPLICATIONS BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE IT10
32	(3) D143C	AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT09
33	(4) Q088C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
34	(5) Q219C	AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
35	(6) Q114C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST II	2	GRADE IT06
36	(7) Q048C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	2	GRADE IT06



1	(8)	Q070C AOC REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE IT05
2	(9)	Q082C AOC INTERPRETER SC:L	1	GRADE IT04
3	(10)	Q008N AOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
4	(11)	Q009C AOC MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS13
5	(12)	Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS12
6	(13)	Q050C AOC COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
7	(14)	Q071C AOC FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS11
8	(15)	Q058C AOC JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS10
9	(16)	Q104C AOC PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
10	(17)	Q014C AOC SPECIALTY COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
11	(18)	Q069C AOC CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
12	(19)	G309C AOC GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
13	(20)	Q258C AOC JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
14	(21)	Q089C AOC OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
15	(22)	Q057C AOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS08
16	(23)	Q081C AOC SPANISH INTERPRETER	3	GRADE GS08
17	(24)	P065C AOC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS07
18	(25)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS06
19	(26)	Q102C AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
20	(27)	A142C AOC PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
21	(28)	Q105C AOC RESEARCH ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	45	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 25 the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2022-2023 fiscal
 26 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 27 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 28 purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
 29 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 30 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 31 classification.

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

1 June 30, 2023, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,992,960
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	938,379
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	344,265
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES	45,000
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500
13 (E) DATA PROC.	0
14 (05) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	300,000
15 (06) COURT INTERPRETER FEES	<u>519,350</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,344,454</u></u>

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18 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION. There is
 19 hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute
 20 Resolution Commission for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum
 21 number of regular employees.

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23	24	25	26	Maximum Annual
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year	Salary Rate
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
27 (1)	Q020C	AOC ADR PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
28 (2)	Q132C	AOC ADR TRAINING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
29 (3)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
30		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

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

1 2023, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$170,264
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,752
7 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	35,514
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
10 (C) PROF. FEES	31,604
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	0
13 (04) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANTS	<u>25,000</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$333,134</u></u>

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16 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION -

17 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the
 18 Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 19 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses,
 20 fees and services of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative
 21 Dispute Resolution Commission - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 22 2023, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
26 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$125,000
28 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
29 (C) PROF. FEES	120,000
30 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$275,000</u></u>

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34 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS - STATE. There
 35 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be
 36 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for

1 reasonable accommodations for persons with hearing and visual impairments to
 2 act as a venire person or juror for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
 3 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) AUXILIARY AIDS-HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS	<u>\$10,000</u>

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 10 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES CONTINUING EDUCATION -
 11 STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the
 12 Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating
 13 expenses for a continuing education program for District Judges for the
 14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</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>

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 26 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT
 27 REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of
 28 the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the 2022-2023
 29 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2022-2023</u>
(1)	Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
(2)	Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS12

1	(3) Q029C AOC AD LITEM ATTORNEY	34	GRADE GS11
2	(4) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	38	

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5 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT

6 REPRESENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office
 7 of the Courts, to be transferred from the State Administration of Justice
 8 Fund, and to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal
 9 services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts -
 10 Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the fiscal year ending June
 11 30, 2023, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,826,439
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	861,780
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	466,514
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	1,405,816
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	1,750,000
24	(05) ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>396,750</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,717,299</u>

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27 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby
 28 established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation
 29 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
 30 employees.

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32		Maximum Annual
33		Salary Rate
34	Item Class	Fiscal Year
35	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
36		
	(1) Q015N AOC APPLICATIONS DIRECTOR	1 GRADE IT11

1	(2)	Q012N AOC CIS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT11
2	(3)	Q261C AOC IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE DIR	1	GRADE IT10
3	(4)	Q062N AOC SYSTEMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT10
4	(5)	N187N CIS DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT10
5	(6)	Q259C AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE IT09
6	(7)	Q016C AOC PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
7	(8)	Q005C AOC DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT08
8	(9)	Q140C AOC DEVELOPMENT TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
9	(10)	Q028C AOC TECHNICAL TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
10	(11)	Q136C AOC INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT07
11	(12)	Q139C AOC IT SECURITY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
12	(13)	Q190C AOC PROJECT MANAGER II	3	GRADE IT06
13	(14)	Q142C AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	4	GRADE IT06
14	(15)	Q049C AOC TECHNICAL ANALYST	3	GRADE IT06
15	(16)	Q101C AOC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT06
16	(17)	Q135C AOC BUSINESS ANALYST	4	GRADE IT05
17	(18)	Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
18	(19)	Q189C AOC PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT04
19	(20)	Q138C AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE LEAD	1	GRADE GS10
20	(21)	Q068C AOC APPLICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS09
21	(22)	Q137C AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
22	(23)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
23		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	43	

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and other costs associated with the state court automation system by the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,943,646
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	916,009
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,250,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	801,590
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,986,245</u></u>

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8 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - CASH. There is hereby

9 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

10 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

11 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and other costs

12 associated with the state court automation system of the Administrative

13 Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Cash for the fiscal year ending

14 June 30, 2023, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$150,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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26 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES & CLERKS CONTINUING

27 EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the

28 Courts, to be payable from the District Court Judge and District Court Clerk

29 Education Fund, for operating expenses for the purpose of providing

30 continuing education to District Court Judges and District Court Clerks by

31 the Administrative Office of the Courts - District Court Judges & Clerks

32 Continuing Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
36	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$120,000</u></u>

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

9 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -

10 Court Improvement - Federal for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following

11 maximum number of regular employees.

12			Maximum Annual
13		Maximum	Salary Rate
14		No. of	Fiscal Year
15	Item Class		
16	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
17	(1) Q047C AOC CIP DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
18	(2) Q056C AOC CIP PROGRAM MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS10
19	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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21 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There

22 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be

23 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

24 the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the

25 Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement - Federal for the

26 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$144,402
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	44,344
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	350,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
35	(C) PROF. FEES	230,000
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	<u>200,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,018,746</u>

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

6 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -
 7 Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the
 8 following maximum number of regular employees.

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10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	No. Code Title	2022-2023
14	(1) Q121C AOC DIRECTOR ACCESS & VISITATION	<u>1</u> GRADE GS05
15	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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

18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to
 19 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 20 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 21 Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation -Federal
 22 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$38,097
27	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,249
28	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31	(C) PROF. FEES	85,000
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$147,346</u>

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36 SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby

1 established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security
 2 Grants for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
 3 employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(1) Q133C AOC DIR OF SEC & EMER PREPAREDNESS	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS10
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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 12 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby
 13 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 14 the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses
 15 and security grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court
 16 Security Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$73,063
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	22,372
(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>\$378,435</u></u>

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 31 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. There is
 32 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be
 33 payable from the County Juror Reimbursement Fund, for reimbursing Arkansas
 34 counties for the costs of jurors by the Administrative Office of the Courts -
 35 County Juror Reimbursement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
 36 following:

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2 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3 NO.	<u>2022-2023</u>
4 (01) COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$850,000</u>

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6 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - COURT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

8 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

9 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative

10 Office of the Courts - Court Management Program for the fiscal year ending

11 June 30, 2023, the following:

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13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 NO.	<u>2022-2023</u>
15 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
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>\$25,000</u>

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23 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. There is hereby

24 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

25 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

26 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic

27 Violence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 NO.	<u>2022-2023</u>
31 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$12,660
33 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
34 (C) PROF. FEES	0
35 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$15,160

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3 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - USDOT CASE MANAGEMENT. There is hereby
 4 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 5 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 6 operating expenses for the US Department of Transportation Case Management
 7 Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - USDOT Case Management
 8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
12 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$484,000
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>\$484,000</u>

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20 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - COURT INTERPRETERS. There is hereby
 21 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 22 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 23 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses associated with fees from
 24 Court Interpreter candidates and interpreter fees ordered by judges for the
 25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
29 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$10,000
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32 (C) PROF. FEES	15,000
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

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SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Specialty Court Program Fund, for costs associated with the Specialty Court Program and providing assistance and support to the Specialty Court Advisory Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM	<u>\$300,000</u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - CASA PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Fund, for operating expenses and grants to local CASA programs statewide of the Administrative Office of the Courts - CASA Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) CASA PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT. 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 operating expenses and grants and aid of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Drug Court Enhancement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,157,102
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	126,794
(C) PROF. FEES	266,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(02) GRANTS AND AID - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT	<u>200,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,749,896</u></u>

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4 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - AOC STATEWIDE SOFTWARE LICENSE. There is
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be
 6 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 7 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for costs associated with software
 8 licensing for district and circuit courts of the Administrative Office of the
 9 Courts - Statewide Software License for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,
 10 the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
14	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$30,000
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17	(C) PROF. FEES	0
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

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22 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 24 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 25 help funding the implementation and training of the risk needs assessment
 26 tools that courts and juvenile officers are required to use pursuant to
 27 Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2019 of the Administrative Office of the
 28 Courts - Juvenile Justice Reform for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,
 29 the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
33	(01) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$32,440
34	(02) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	61,158
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	102,276

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$195,874</u></u>

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6 SECTION 31. 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, ~~2021~~
22 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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24 SECTION 32. 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, ~~2021~~
9 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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11 SECTION 33. 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, ~~2021~~
3 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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5 SECTION 34. 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, ~~2021~~
14 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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16 SECTION 35. 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, ~~2021~~
26 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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28 SECTION 36. 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, ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 20, ~~2022~~ 2023, 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, ~~2021~~
2 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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4 SECTION 37. 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 July 1, ~~2021~~
28 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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30 SECTION 38. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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4 SECTION 39. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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13 SECTION 40. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
14 2022.

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17 **APPROVED: 3/7/22**
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