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**Act 1238 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2007  
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*As Engrossed: S3/12/07 S3/23/07*

**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 232

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE  
11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR THE  
12 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

16 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF  
17 THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
18 2007-2009 BIENNIUM.  
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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 Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2007-2009  
26 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries  
27 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and  
28 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and  
29 all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a  
30 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt  
31 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All  
32 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the  
33 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas  
34 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				2007-2008	2008-2009
(1)	9105	DIRECTOR, AOC	1	\$101,587	\$103,618
(2)	9108	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AOC	1	\$87,638	\$89,390
(3)	9112	NETWORK PLANNING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 26	
(4)	9109	LEGAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST	5	GRADE 25	
(5)	9110	INTERPRETER SC:L	1	GRADE 24	
(6)	9111	JUDICIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 24	
(7)	9462	COORDINATOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE	1	GRADE 24	
(8)	X366	DRUG COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 24	
(9)	9125	CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 22	
(10)	9113	SR. PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE 21	
(11)	9118	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE 20	
(12)	9227	SPANISH INTERPRETER	1	GRADE 20	
(13)	9238	ADM OFC CRT EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 19	
(14)	9114	DATA AUDITOR II	3	GRADE 19	
(15)	9115	PUBLIC EDUCATION/PUBLICATIONS	1	GRADE 19	
(16)	9116	OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE 19	
(17)	9117	RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE 19	
(18)	9107	ADM OFC CRT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE 19	
(19)	9119	DATA AUDITOR I	4	GRADE 17	
(20)	9120	BUSINESS CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE 17	
(21)	9121	EXEC/ADMIN SECRETARY	4	GRADE 13	
(22)	9122	SHIPPING/RECEIVING CLERK	<u>1</u>	GRADE 10	
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	35		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

1 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 2 the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central  
 3 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 4 Administrative Office of the Courts for the biennial period ending June 30,  
 5 2009, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,752,950	\$ 1,819,014
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,000	5,000
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	505,228	518,771
12 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	223,408	225,438
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000	30,000
15 (C) PROF. FEES	45,000	45,000
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500	164,500
17 (E) DATA PROC.	0	0
18 (05) FEDERAL GRANTS MATCHING	25,000	25,000
19 (06) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	200,000	200,000
20 (07) COURT INTERPRETER FEES	<u>275,000</u>	<u>275,000</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,226,086</u>	<u>\$ 3,307,723</u>

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23 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION.  
 24 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
 25 Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission for the 2007-2009 biennium, the  
 26 following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be  
 27 governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act  
 28 (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory  
 29 thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum  
 30 annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the  
 31 provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons  
 32 occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions  
 33 of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-  
 34 101), or its successor.

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Maximum Annual

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate 2007-2008	Salary Rate 2008-2009	
1	(1)	9123	COORDINATOR OF ADR PROGRAM	1	\$49,779	\$50,774
2	(2)	9230	ASSISTANT COORD OF ADR PROGRAM	<u>1</u>	\$37,822	\$38,578
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			2		

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - STATE. 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 grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEARS 2007-2008	FISCAL YEARS 2008-2009
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 87,601	\$ 89,352
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	26,200	26,556
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	30,000	30,000
(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	19,494	19,494
(C)	PROF. FEES	5,130	5,130
(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
(04)	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANTS	<u>51,300</u>	<u>51,300</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		<u>\$ 219,725</u>	<u>\$ 221,832</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses, fees and services of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission - Cash for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS
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NO.	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000	50,000
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HEARING AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for reasonable accommodations for persons with hearing and visual impairments to act as a venire person or juror for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) AUXILLIARY AIDS-HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<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 biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>

1 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT  
 2 REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of  
 3 the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the 2007-2009  
 4 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries  
 5 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and  
 6 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and  
 7 all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a  
 8 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt  
 9 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All  
 10 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the  
 11 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas  
 12 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

			Maximum Annual		
			Maximum	Salary Rate	
			No. of	Fiscal Years	
Item	Class	Title	Employees	2007-2008	2008-2009
18	(1)	9109 LEGAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST	34	GRADE 25	
19	(2)	9107 ADM OFC CRT FISCAL OFFICER	<u>1</u>	GRADE 19	
20	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		35		

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 22 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION.  
 23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to  
 24 be transferred from the State Administration of Justice Fund, and to be  
 25 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and  
 26 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of  
 27 Dependency-Neglect Representation for the biennial period ending June 30,  
 28 2009, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
NO.		2007-2008	2008-2009
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,804,462	\$ 1,840,542
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	513,666	520,999
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	297,157	311,909
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000	4,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	1,433,008	1,504,658
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
4	(04) LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	1,050,000	1,100,000
5	(05) PARENT COUNSEL REIMBURSEMENTS	2,019,948	2,019,948
6	(06) ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 7,372,241</u>	<u>\$ 7,552,056</u>

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9 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - JUDICIAL FINE COLLECTION ENHANCEMENT.

10 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
 11 Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement for the 2007-2009 biennium, the  
 12 following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be  
 13 governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act  
 14 (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory  
 15 thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum  
 16 annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the  
 17 provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons  
 18 occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions  
 19 of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-  
 20 101), or its successor.

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22			Maximum Annual		
23			Maximum	Salary Rate	
24	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years	
25	No.	Code Title	Employees	2007-2008	2008-2009
26	(1)	9413 DIRECTOR, COURT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	1	\$82,913	\$84,571
27	(2)	9831 DATA BASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	\$75,000	\$76,500
28	(3)	C012 JURY MGMT APPLICATION SYS ANALYST	1	GRADE 23	
29	(4)	C014 DATA PROCESSING SENIOR PROJECT LEAD	1	GRADE 23	
30	(5)	D100 DP SENIOR PROJECT LEADER	1	GRADE 23	
31	(6)	D143 SECURITY ANALYST I	1	GRADE 22	
32	(7)	E051 TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE 22	
33	(8)	D038 SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE 22	
34	(9)	A093 ACAP ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 22	
35	(10)	D123 APPLICATIONS & SYSTEMS ANALYST	2	GRADE 21	
36	(11)	Y062 CALL CENTER MANAGER	1	GRADE 20	

1	(12)	D055	WEBSITE COORDINATOR II	1	GRADE 20
2	(13)	A086	ACAP TRAINING SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE 20
3	(14)	Y063	CALL CENTER AGENT	<u>1</u>	GRADE 17
4			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	16	

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6 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - JUDICIAL FINE COLLECTION ENHANCEMENT. There is  
 7 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be  
 8 payable from the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, for personal  
 9 services, operating expenses and other costs associated with the state court  
 10 automation system by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the biennial  
 11 period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 795,993	\$ 811,908
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	228,946	232,180
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	600,000	600,000
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,000	17,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	250,000	250,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000	245,000
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,991,939</u>	<u>\$ 2,156,088</u>

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25 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES AND CLERKS CONTINUING  
 26 EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the  
 27 Courts, to be payable from the Municipal Court Judge and Municipal Court  
 28 Education Fund, for the purpose of providing continuing education to District  
 29 Court Judges and District Court Clerks by the Administrative Office of the  
 30 Courts for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
34	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000	10,000



1	(C) PROF. FEES	10,000	10,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

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6 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There

7 is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court

8 Improvement Program for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number

9 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of

10 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et

11 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,

12 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein

13 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform

14 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions

15 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular

16 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its

17 successor.

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19				Maximum Annual
20			Maximum	Salary Rate
21	Item Class		No. of	Fiscal Years
22	<u>No. Code Title</u>		<u>Employees</u>	<u>2007-2008 2008-2009</u>
23	(1) D162 COURT IMPROVEMENT PRGM TECH ANALYST		1	GRADE 23
24	(2) 9133 ADM OFC CRT TRAINING COORD		<u>1</u>	GRADE 22
25	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		2	

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27 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is

28 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be

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

30 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative

31 Office of the Courts - Court Improvement Program for the biennial period

32 ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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34	ITEM			FISCAL YEARS
35	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$	105,080	\$ 107,181

1	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,753	30,179
2	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	262,841	262,841
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,480	19,480
5	(C) PROF. FEES	90,000	90,000
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
8	(04) COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 607,154</u>	<u>\$ 609,681</u>

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11 SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE - FEDERAL.

12 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
 13 Court Appointed Special Advocate for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following  
 14 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the  
 15 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code  
 16 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.  
 17 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual  
 18 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of  
 19 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying  
 20 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the  
 21 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),  
 22 or its successor.

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24			Maximum Annual
25		Maximum	Salary Rate
26	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Years
27	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2007-2008 2008-2009</u>
28	(1) 9124 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE 18
29	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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31 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE - FEDERAL.

32 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to  
 33 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 34 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 35 Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Appointed Special Advocate for  
 36 the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 33,010	\$ 33,670
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	10,907	11,041
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	8,867	8,867
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,473	2,473
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 55,257</u>	<u>\$ 56,051</u>

SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.  
 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access and Visitation Mediation for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

Item	Class	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
				2007-2008	2008-2009
(1)	9721	AOC DIR ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATN	<u>1</u>	\$25,117	\$25,619
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1		

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS AND 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

1 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 2 Administrative Office of the Courts - Access and Visitation Mediation for the  
 3 biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 25,117	\$ 25,619
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,304	9,407
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000	10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
(C) PROF. FEES	90,000	90,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 134,421</u>	<u>\$ 135,026</u>

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 17 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT COURT STATE AUTOMATION SYSTEM -  
 18 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the  
 19 Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief  
 20 Fiscal Officer of the State, for maintenance and general operating expenses  
 21 of the District Court State Automation System by the Administrative Office of  
 22 the Courts for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	25,000	25,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 425,000</u>	<u>\$ 425,000</u>

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 34 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
 36 TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the

1 United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds  
2 received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community Highway Safety  
3 Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the Courts and  
4 deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse expenditures by  
5 the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses of the  
6 Continuing Education Program for District Judges as appropriated in Section 8  
7 herein. The appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts  
8 provided in Section 8 may be expended only in the event that federal funds  
9 have been granted and will be transferred from the Arkansas State Police to  
10 reimburse the Continuing Education Program for District Judges. The  
11 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007  
12 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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14 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
16 CONTRACTING WITH PUBLIC DEFENDERS. The Administrative Office of the Courts  
17 Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation shall have the authority to  
18 enter into a Professional Services Agreement with a person who is serving as  
19 a part-time Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney and paid as an  
20 employee of the State of Arkansas when the Public Defender or other part-time  
21 State Attorney has been appointed to provide Dependency-Neglect Services by a  
22 Circuit Judge. The part-time Public Defender or other part-time State  
23 Attorney shall be eligible for additional compensation which shall not be  
24 construed as exceeding the line item maximum for the grade of that position  
25 when the Administrative Office of the Courts reimburses the part-time Public  
26 Defender or other part-time State Attorney for Dependency-Neglect  
27 Representation services performed. The provisions of this section shall be  
28 in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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30 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
32 DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The  
33 Administrative Office of the Courts may request authorization from the  
34 Arkansas Legislative Council and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to  
35 transfer funds and appropriations between Item Numbers (01), (02), (03) (A)  
36 and (C) and (06) of Section 10 herein for the payment of employees and/or

1 contractors providing legal services for the Division of Dependency-Neglect  
2 Representation.

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

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007  
21 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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23 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
25 AUTHORITY. The Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer  
26 funds, from time to time, from the State Administration of Justice Fund to  
27 the State Central Services Fund in such amounts as are required to reimburse  
28 the State Central Services Fund for a portion of the expenses of the  
29 Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect  
30 Representation. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from  
31 July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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33 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING.  
35 Funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the Department of  
36 Transportation from the safety incentive funds received under P.L. 105-178,

1 title I, Section 1404(a), 23 USC Section 163 for "Safety Incentives to  
2 Prevent Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons" may be  
3 transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts as directed by the  
4 Arkansas State Police for operating expenses of the District Court State  
5 Automation System in Section ~~22-20~~ of this Act. The provisions of this  
6 section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~  
7 2009.

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9 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MONTHLY  
11 INSTALLMENT. From July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 20, ~~2007~~ 2009, a lump sum  
12 monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual  
13 appropriation provided for in Section 10 of this Act, or so much thereof as  
14 may be made available, shall be provided from the State Administration of  
15 Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund to provide funds for that  
16 appropriation. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from  
17 July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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19 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
21 FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of appropriation and funds authorized in  
22 Section 10 of this Act on June 30, ~~2006~~ 2008 shall be carried forward and  
23 made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2007~~  
24 2009.

25 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of appropriation and/or funding as  
26 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:  
27 (1) Prior to June 30, 2008 the Agency shall by written statement set forth  
28 its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said appropriation and/or funding  
29 to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;  
30 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall  
31 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward from  
32 the first fiscal year of the biennium to the second fiscal year of the  
33 biennium by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
34 Committee meeting in the second fiscal year of the biennial period which  
35 report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution  
36 and the amount of the appropriation and/or funding carried forward from the

1 first fiscal year to the second fiscal year, the program name or line item,  
2 the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request  
3 set forth in (1) above;

4 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written  
5 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
6 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written  
7 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for  
8 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)  
9 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents  
10 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
11 Committee; and

12 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include  
13 all information obtained in item (3) above in the biennial budget manuals  
14 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or  
15 Institution.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007  
17 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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19 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LEGAL  
21 RESEARCH SPECIALIST NEW HIRE REQUIREMENT. Any new hire for the Class Code  
22 9109, Legal Research Specialist, Grade 25 positions as established in Section  
23 9 herein must first have prior approval of the Personnel Subcommittee of the  
24 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

25 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
26 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
27 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
28 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
29 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
30 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
31 has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more  
32 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of  
33 the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both  
34 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by  
35 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
36 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative



1 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.  
2 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
3 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
4 this entire section is void.  
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6 *SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE*  
7 *NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDIGENT*  
8 *PARENT COUNSEL REPRESENTATION. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall*  
9 *have the authority to use the appropriation provided in Item Number (05)*  
10 *Parent Counsel Reimbursements of Section 10 herein for the purpose of*  
11 *entering into professional service contracts on a full-time or part-time*  
12 *basis with attorneys who are qualified to provide counsel for indigent*  
13 *parents in cases involving the termination of parental rights. The provisions*  
14 *of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007 through June 30,*  
15 *2009.*  
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17 *SECTION 30. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.* Disbursement of funds authorized  
18 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
19 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
20 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
21 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
22 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
23 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
24 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
25 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.  
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27 *SECTION 31. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.* It is the intent of the General Assembly  
28 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
29 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
30 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
31 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
32 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
33 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
34 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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36 *SECTION 32. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.* It is found and determined by the General

1 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
2 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
5 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
6 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
7 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
8 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
9 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
10 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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12 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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14 *APPROVED: 4/5/2007*