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2 93rd General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1277

5 By: Representative C. Fite
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
10 AND ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF DEAF AND HARD OF
11 HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
16 ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF DEAF AND HARD
17 OF HEARING APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-
18 2022 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING.

24 There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration
25 - Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the
26 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2021-2022
33	(1)	N228N EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ODHH	1	GRADE GS14
34	(2)	E077C ODHH INTERPRETER / ACCESS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS10
35	(3)	E078C ODHH OUTREACH SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS10
36	(4)	C117C ODHH ADMIN ASST / BUDGET SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08



1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 4

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3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING. There
4 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to
5 be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal
6 services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and
7 Administration - Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 NO.	2021-2022
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$255,000
13 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,400
14 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	78,350
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17 (C) PROF. FEES	102,000
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$506,750</u></u>

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22 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
24 TRANSFER. (i) Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief
25 Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of
26 the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of five hundred six
27 thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$506,750) from the General Revenue
28 Allotment Reserve Fund to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to be used
29 exclusively for personal services and operating expenses for the Office of
30 Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

31 (ii) Funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the
32 Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing in subsection (i) herein shall deposited
33 into a sub-fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account that shall be
34 carried forward from year to year for the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
35 appropriations provided by the General Assembly.

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1 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
4 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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11 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
12 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
13 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
14 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
15 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
16 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
17 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
18 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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20 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
21 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
22 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.