

**0023 – ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
FISCAL YEAR 2020
LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The Administrative Office of the Courts is the administrative office for the non-judicial business of state courts.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
	Actual	Authorized	Legislative
Operations	\$22,331,379	\$27,590,460	\$28,133,102
Court Personnel	\$20,268,287	\$22,074,850	\$22,672,897
Total	\$42,599,666	\$49,665,310	\$47,805,999

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		2017-2018 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$3,754,502	8.03
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$926,647	1.98
Special Revenue	4000030	\$5,508,284	11.79
State Central Services	4000035	\$13,160,063	33.91
Other		\$189,678	0.41
Real Estate Transfer Tax	4000403	\$3,750,354	8.02
State Administration of Justice	4000470	\$16,762,621	35.86
Total Funds		\$44,051,149	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(\$4,139,553)	
Grand Total		\$39,912,596	

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

District Judges Continuing Education (Appropriation 158)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
5060010	Professional Fees	\$10,000	\$0	(\$10,000)
Total		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0

- They have reallocated \$10,000 from Professional Fees to Conference & Travel to allow the District Judges to attend the ABA Traffic Court training.

Dependency Neglect Representation (Appropriation 330)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900040	Attorney AD Litem Fees/Reimb	\$356,750	\$396,750	\$40,000
Total		\$356,750	\$396,750	\$40,000

- Increase in Attorney Ad Litem Fees to be able to serve those kids in foster care.

Admin Office of the Courts (Appropriation 343)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900047	Court Interpreter Fees	\$439,350	\$479,350	\$40,000
5100004	Federal Grants Matching	\$20,000	\$0	(\$20,000)
Total		\$439,350	\$479,350	\$20,000

- Increase in Court Interpreter Fees to be able to provide the necessary interpreters when needed.
- Moved \$20,000 from AOC to Public Defender - Commission for Parent Counsel

Court Automation (Appropriation 816)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$1,000,000	\$801,590	(\$198,410)
Total		\$1,000,000	\$801,590	(\$198,410)

- Decrease in Capital Outlay to be more in line with actual expenditures.

Court Improvement Program (Appropriation 966)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$150,000	\$0	(\$150,000)
Total		\$150,000	\$0	(\$150,000)

- Zeroing out Capital Outlay to be more in line with previous expenditures

Drug Court Enhancement 2018 (Appropriation X03)

Commitment Item		2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$0	\$27,102	\$27,102
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$0	\$51,898	\$51,898
5060010	Professional Fees	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
Total		\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000

- New appropriation

Moved Commission for Parent Counsel positions and appropriation from AOC to Arkansas Public Defender Commission.

Discontinuing the following appropriations:

- Drug Ct. Cap Bldg. (Appropriation M54)
- OVW Ct. Trng. & Impr. (Appropriation M55)
- State Awareness & Recruitment Campaign (Appropriation U79)

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2020: 388
 Total Authorized Positions FY2019: 390
 Increase / (Decrease): (2)
 Extra Help Positions FY2020: 2

<p>Position Breakdown: Trial Court Administrators – 122 Court Reporters – 122 Intake Officers – 13 AOC Operations - 133</p>
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SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

*Deleted language regarding Indigent Parent Counsel Representation and moved to Arkansas Public Defender Commission.

AOC Responsibility for Court Reporters and Trial Court Administrators - Section codified in statute § 16-13-501 and § 16-13-3301 and deleted from bill.

*Deleted language regarding Court Reporter Transcripts.