PLANNING BUDGETING \& ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM

## Personnel Committee Report



CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)
AOC RESPONSIBILITY FOR COURT REPORTERS AND TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS.
(a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall be responsible for the financial oversight of the Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts and Trial Court Administrators, which shall include but not be limited to biennial and annual budget requests, all budgeting activities, monitoring expenses, travel, substitute expenses, indigent transcript payments and to ensure projected annual expenditures do not exceed total available funding. (b) The Administrative Office of the Courts with assistance from the Arkansas Judicial Council shall establish an official procedure or rules for all new hires, terminations and salary adjustments for Trial Court Administrators and Official Court Reporters. The official procedures or rules shall be implemented prior to July 1, 2015 and shall be administered for all Trial Court Administrators and Official Court Reporters.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018 $\underline{2019}$ through June 30, z019 2020.

## CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

COURT REPORTER TRANSCRIPTS. The Rules of the Arkansas Supreme Court require that the official court reporter who was present in court and was responsible for taking the record of the proceeding is the individual who must prepare and certify the official record or be subject to discipline and possible suspension or revocation of his or her court reporting license. The Administrative Office of the Courts is therefore authorized to employ and/or contact with and pay a court reporter previously employed by the state for services provided at any time after his or her separation from state employment, irrespective of any limitations otherwise provided in Ark. Code § 19-11-709 (d).

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, zo18 $\underline{2019}$ through June 30, z019 $2 \underline{2020}$.

