



**STATE OF ARKANSAS  
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS  
GOVERNOR**

March 18, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
			Maximum No. of Employees	Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(2)	SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> GRADE SPC09
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>2,490</del>	<u>2,489</u>

The above request is necessary to incorporate position transfers that were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in the first Reallocation of Resource Request of Fiscal Year 2026.

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Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$104,129,983	<u>\$103,987,884</u>
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,142,858	<u>45,101,928</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$201,782,940</u>	<u>\$201,599,911</u>

This request provides for the reallocated position changes and reflects appropriation accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor of Arkansas

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill 24**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027  
FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill 24**

Amend Senate Bill 24 as originally introduced:

On page 1, line 35, delete "2" and substitute "1"

AND

On page 4, line 3, delete "2,490" and substitute "2,489"

AND

On page 4, line 23, delete "\$104,129,983" and substitute "\$103,987,884"

AND

On page 4, line 25, delete "45,142,858" and substitute "45,101,928"

AND

On page 5, line 2, delete "\$201,782,940" and substitute "\$201,599,911".

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_  
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Secretary

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2026  
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5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 24

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
11 SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
12 SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
17 SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL  
18 DISABILITIES SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR  
19 THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
26 for the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities  
27 Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
28 regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
34	(1) EEX22A	HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
35	(2) SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	<del>2</del> 1	GRADE SPC09
36	(3) MHA01C	NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	5	GRADE SPC08



1	(76) IIS09P IT INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE IST04
2	(77) IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST02
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>2,490</del> 2489	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred ninety-nine (199) 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.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

21	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
22	NO.		2026-2027
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$103,987,884	<del>\$104,129,983</del>
24	(02) EXTRA HELP		2,860,944
25	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$45,101,928	<del>45,142,858</del>
26	(04) OVERTIME		4,310,000
27	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE		30,477,449
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL		25,000
30	(C) PROF. FEES		3,238,079
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY		1,000,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.		0
33	(06) GRANTS/PATIENT SERVICES		2,487,134
34	(07) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		1,000,000
35	(08) VOCATIONAL TRAINEES		239,000
36	(09) CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT SERVICES		67,191

1 (10) PURCHASE OF SERVICES 6,805,302  
 2 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 201,599,911 ~~\$201,782,940~~

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4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SPECIAL OLYMPICS. There is hereby  
 5 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
 6 Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account, for grants to the Arkansas  
 7 Special Olympics by the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 8 Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
 9 the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13 (01) GRANTS-SPECIAL OLYMPICS	<u>\$178,768</u>

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15 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. There is hereby  
 16 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
 17 Developmental Disabilities Services-Dog Track Special Revenue Fund, for  
 18 expenses of the private non-profit community based programs licensed by the  
 19 Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities  
 20 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
24 (01) COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	<u>\$50,000</u>

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26 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS-IN-AID. There is hereby  
 27 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
 28 Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account, for grants-in-aid to the  
 29 community providers of services to the developmentally disabled by the  
 30 Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities  
 31 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35 (01) GRANTS TO COMMUNITY PROVIDERS	<u>\$15,892,045</u>

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