

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1454

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

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
11 OF THE COURTS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30,  
12 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

15 "AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
16 OF THE COURTS - BIENNIAL OPERATIONS  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1999-2001 BIENNIUM."  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for  
23 the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 1999-2001 biennium, the  
24 following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed  
25 by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas  
26 Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.  
27 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary  
28 is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said  
29 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions  
30 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular  
31 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its  
32 successor.  
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34			Maximum Annual
35		Maximum	Salary Rate
36	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Years

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	No.	Code	Title	Employees	1999-2000	2000-2001
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2	(1)		DIRECTOR	1	\$83,749	\$86,094
3	(2)		DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 26	
4	(3)		LEGAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST	5	GRADE 25	
5	(4)		INTERPRETER SC: L	1	GRADE 24	
6	(5)		JUDICIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 22	
7	(6)		SYSTEMS ANALYST II	1	GRADE 21	
8	(7)		PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE 20	
9	(8)		DATA AUDITOR II	3	GRADE 19	
10	(9)		PUBLIC EDUCATION/ PUBLICATIONS	1	GRADE 19	
11	(10)		OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE 19	
12	(11)		RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE 19	
13	(12)		PERSONAL COMPUT. SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 18	
14	(13)		DATA AUDITOR I	4	GRADE 17	
15	(14)		BUSINESS CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE 17	
16	(15)		EXEC/ ADMIN SECRETARY	4	GRADE 13	
17	(16)		SHIPPING/RECEIVING CLERK	1	GRADE 10	
18		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		28		

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,235,158	\$ 1,269,748
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	344,856	354,514
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	178,294	181,860
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	11,848	12,441
(C) PROF. FEES	45,000	45,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500	164,500
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
(04) FEDERAL GRANTS MATCHING	25,000	25,000

1	(05) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,129,656</u>	<u>\$ 2,178,063</u>

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4 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION.

5 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -

6 Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission for the 1999-2001 biennium, the

7 following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed

8 by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas

9 Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.

10 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary

11 is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said

12 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions

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

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

15 successor.

	Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum	Annual	
	No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary	Rate	
				Empl	Fiscal	Years	
				oyees	1999-2000	2000-2001	
21	(1)		COORDINATOR OF ADR PROGRAM	<u>1</u>	\$35,693	\$36,692	
22			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1			

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24 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION. There

25 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be

26 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating

27 expenses, and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative

28 Dispute Resolution Commission for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001,

29 the following:

	ITEM				FISCAL YEARS		
	NO.				1999-2000	2000-2001	
33	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES		\$ 35,693	\$ 36,692		
34	(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING		9,560	9,737		
35	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION					
36	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE		30,000	30,000		

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,000	19,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000	5,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000	2,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
5	(04) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION		
6	GRANTS	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 151,253</u>	<u>\$ 152,429</u>

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9 SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE. There is

10 hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court

11 Appointed Special Advocate for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum

12 number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions

13 of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201

14 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided,

15 however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set

16 out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform

17 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions

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

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

20 successor.

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		Maximum Annual		
		Maximum	Salary Rate	
Item Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
No.	Code Title	Employees	1999-2000	2000-2001
26	(1) RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE 18	
27	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1		

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29 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE. There is

30 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable

31 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

32 for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of

33 the Courts - Court Appointed Special Advocate for the biennial period ending

34 June 30, 2001, the following:

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36 ITEM FISCAL YEARS

NO.		1999-2000	2000-2001
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,728
(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	7,812	7,936
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	1,353	1,353
(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	2,365	1,385
(C)	PROF. FEES	0	0
(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 37,530</u>	<u>\$ 37,402</u>

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12 SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY - NEGLECT  
 13 REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of  
 14 the Courts - Division of Dependency - Neglect Representation for the 1999-2001  
 15 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries  
 16 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and  
 17 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all  
 18 laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a  
 19 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt  
 20 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All  
 21 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the  
 22 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas  
 23 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	Salary Rate
		No. of	Fiscal Years
		Employees	1999-2000
			2000-2001
(1)		COORDINATOR OF CASA PROGRAM	GRADE 22
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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32 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY - NEGLECT REPRESENTATION.  
 33 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to  
 34 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and  
 35 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dependency -  
 36 Neglect Representation for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the

1 fol lowi ng:

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3 ITEM		FI SCAL YEARS	
4 NO.		1999-2000	2000-2001
5 (01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 35,980	\$ 36,988
6 (02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	9,609	9,790
7 (03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
8 (A)	OPER. EXPENSE	70,000	70,000
9 (B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000	4,000
10 (C)	PROF. FEES	0	0
11 (D)	CAP. OUTLAY	2,000	2,000
12 (E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
13 (04)	LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>500,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
14	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 621,589</u>	<u>\$ 1,122,778</u>

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16 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HEARING AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS. There is hereby  
 17 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 18 the State Central Services Fund, for reasonable accommodations for persons  
 19 with hearing and visual impairments to act as a veni reperson or juror for the  
 20 biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

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22 ITEM		FI SCAL YEARS	
23 NO.		1999-2000	2000-2001
24 (01)	AUXILIARY AIDS - HEARING & VISUAL		
25	IMPAIRMENTS	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

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27 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - JUDICIAL FINE COLLECTION ENHANCEMENT. There is  
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable  
 29 from the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, for operating expenses for  
 30 the purchase of computer hardware and software to be used for uniform  
 31 assessment, collection, management, and reporting of judicial fines for the  
 32 biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

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34 ITEM		FI SCAL YEARS	
35 NO.		1999-2000	2000-2001
36 (01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,000	50,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

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8 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - FOSTER CARE SYSTEM - FEDERAL. There is hereby  
 9 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 10 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 11 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Foster Care  
 12 System - Federal for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
15	NO.	1999-2000	2000-2001
16	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	94,000	94,000
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000	6,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000	50,000
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

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24 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.  
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to  
 26 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 27 the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
 28 Access and Visitation Mediation - Federal for the biennial period ending June  
 29 30, 2001, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
32	NO.	1999-2000	2000-2001
33	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	8,926	8,926
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
36	(C) PROF. FEES	87,000	87,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 95,926</u>	<u>\$ 95,926</u>

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 5 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - MEDIATION OF DEPENDENCY/NEGLECT. There is  
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable  
 7 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 8 for operating expenses and grants for mediation training of the Administrative  
 9 Office of the Courts - Mediation of Dependency/Neglect for the biennial period  
 10 ending June 30, 2001, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
14	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 48,150	\$ 48,150
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,700	10,700
17	(C) PROF. FEES	37,450	37,450
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,700	10,700
19	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
20	(02) GRANTS FOR MEDIATION TRAINING	<u>267,500</u>	<u>267,500</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 374,500</u>	<u>\$ 374,500</u>

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 23 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATIONS - CONTINUING EDUCATION. There is hereby  
 24 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 25 the Municipal Court Judge's Clerk Education Fund, for the purpose of providing  
 26 continuing education to Municipal Court Judges and Municipal Court Clerks of  
 27 the Administrative Office of the Courts which shall be supplemental and in  
 28 addition to those funds appropriated by Section 1 of Act 206 of 1999 for the  
 29 biennial period ending, June 30, 2001, the following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
33	(01) MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES AND MUNICIPAL		
34	COURT CLERKS CONTINUING EDUCATION		
35	PROGRAM	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>



SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Administrative Office of the Courts, for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1999-2000	2000-2001
(01) MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000

SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 19-5-205(g)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(2) An amount sufficient to complete the full financing of the budgets for the Senate, the House of Representatives, ~~the Administrative Office of the Courts,~~ and Lieutenant Governor, and up to twenty-four thousand four hundred seventy dollars (\$24,470) for the State Land Department; and"

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROCUREMENT-AUXILIARY AIDS. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall employ the most cost efficient method of procuring auxiliary aids for persons with hearing and visual impairments. These methods may include entering into a contractual arrangement with another state agency or with a private entity that is capable of providing these services.

SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EQUIPMENT PROVISION. The audio/visual equipment purchased by the Administrative Office of the Courts from funds appropriated in Act 505 of 1991 and which was installed in the County Courthouse of Jefferson County, Arkansas, shall be released from the equipment inventory of the Administrative Office of the Courts and transferred to Jefferson County as of the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized

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

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10 SECTION 20. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
11 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
12 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
13 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
14 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
16 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
17 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 21. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent  
20 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
21 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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23 SECTION 22. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or the application  
24 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall  
25 not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given  
26 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
27 provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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29 SECTION 23. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with  
30 this act are hereby repealed.

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32 SECTION 24. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
33 Eighty-second General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas  
34 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that  
35 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1999 is essential to the operation of  
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
2 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1999 could work irreparable harm upon the  
3 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
4 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
5 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
6 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1999.

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8 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*  
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