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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 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2001-2003 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

Maximum Annual

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
				2001-2002	2002-2003
1	(1)	9105 DIRECTOR, AOC	1	\$88,332	\$90,629
2	(2)	9108 DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AOC	1	\$71,438	\$73,296
3	(3)	9112 NETWORK PLANNING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 26	
4	(4)	9109 LEGAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST	6	GRADE 25	
5	(5)	9110 INTERPRETER SC: L	1	GRADE 24	
6	(6)	9111 JUDICIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 24	
7	(7)	9125 CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 22	
8	(8)	9113 SR. PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE 21	
9	(9)	9227 SPANISH INTERPRETER	1	GRADE 20	
10	(10)	9118 PERSONAL COMPUT. SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE 20	
11	(11)	9114 DATA AUDITOR II	3	GRADE 19	
12	(12)	9115 PUBLIC EDUCATION/ PUBLICATIONS	1	GRADE 19	
13	(13)	9116 OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE 19	
14	(14)	9117 RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE 19	
15	(15)	9107 FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE 19	
16	(16)	EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 19	
17	(17)	9119 DATA AUDITOR I	4	GRADE 17	
18	(18)	9120 BUSINESS CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE 17	
19	(19)	9121 EXEC/ ADMIN SECRETARY	4	GRADE 13	
20	(20)	9122 SHIPPING/RECEIVING CLERK	1	GRADE 10	
21		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	34		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2001-2003 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) 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 Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the

1 Administrative Office of the Courts for the biennial period ending June 30,
 2 2003, the following:

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4 ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
5 NO.		2001-2002	2002-2003
6 (01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,499,732	\$ 1,535,385
7 (02)	EXTRA HELP	5,000	5,000
8 (03)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	366,266	371,802
9 (04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
10 (A)	OPER. EXPENSE	186,589	191,440
11 (B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000	30,000
12 (C)	PROF. FEES	45,000	45,000
13 (D)	CAP. OUTLAY	164,500	164,500
14 (E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
15 (05)	FEDERAL GRANTS MATCHING	25,000	25,000
16 (06)	JUDICIAL EDUCATION	200,000	200,000
17 (07)	COURT INTERPRETER FEES	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,567,087</u>	<u>\$ 2,618,127</u>

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

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

22 Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission for the 2001-2003 biennium, the

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

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

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

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

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

28 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions

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

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

31 successor.

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33		Maximum Annual	
34		Maximum	Salary Rate
35 Item Class		No. of	Fiscal Years
36 No.	Code Title	Empl oyees	2001-2002 2002-2003

1	(1)	COORDINATOR OF ADR PROGRAM	1	\$42,510	\$43,615
2	(2)	ASST. COORDINATOR OF ADR PROGRAM	<u>1</u>	\$32,300	\$33,140
3		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2		

5 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION-STATE.
 6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to
 7 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,
 8 operating expenses, and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts -
 9 Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission for the biennial period ending June
 10 30, 2003, the following:

12	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
13	NO.		2001-2002	2002-2003
14	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 74,810	\$ 76,755
15	(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	18,747	19,089
16	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
17	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	30,000	30,000
18	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	19,494	19,494
19	(C)	PROF. FEES	5,130	5,130
20	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	2,000	2,000
21	(E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
22	(04)	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION		
23		GRANTS	<u>51,300</u>	<u>51,300</u>
24		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 201,481</u>	<u>\$ 203,768</u>

26 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION -
 27 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the
 28 Courts, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of
 29 the Administrative Office of the Courts, for operating expenses, fees and
 30 services of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative Dispute
 31 Resolution Commission - Cash for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the
 32 following:

34	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
35	NO.		2001-2002	2002-2003
36	(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000	15,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	10,000	10,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>

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8 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HEARING AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS. There is hereby
 9 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from
 10 the State Central Services Fund, for reasonable accommodations for persons
 11 with hearing and visual impairments to act as a venireperson or juror for the
 12 biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
16	(01) AUXILIARY AIDS - HEARING & VISUAL		
17	IMPAIRMENTS	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

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19 SECTION 8. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT
 20 REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of
 21 the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the 2001-2003
 22 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries
 23 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and
 24 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all
 25 laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a
 26 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt
 27 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All
 28 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the
 29 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas
 30 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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32			Maximum Annual
33		Maximum	Salary Rate
34	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Years
35	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2001-2002 2002-2003</u>
36	(1) 9109 LEGAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST	<u>17</u>	GRADE 25

1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 17

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3 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to
 5 be transferred from the State Administration of Justice Fund, and to be
 6 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and
 7 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of
 8 Dependency-Neglect Representation for the biennial period ending June 30,
 9 2003, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 227,596	\$ 233,513
14	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	59,174	60,713
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	70,000	70,000
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000	4,000
18	(C) PROF. FEES	1,141,650	1,141,650
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000	2,000
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
21	(04) LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	1,000,000	1,000,000
22	(05) ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	100,000	100,000
23	(06) CONTINGENCY	<u>1,137,784</u>	<u>1,299,429</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,742,204</u>	<u>\$ 3,911,305</u>

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26 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - JUDICIAL FINE COLLECTION ENHANCEMENT. There is
 27 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable
 28 from the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, for operating expenses for
 29 the purchase of computer hardware and software to be used for uniform
 30 assessment, collection, management, and reporting of judicial fines and other
 31 costs and services associated with the development and implementation of the
 32 state court automation system for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003,
 33 the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>

1	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	300,000	300,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000	100,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000	100,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

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9 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND CLERKS CONTINUING

10 EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the

11 Courts, to be payable from the Municipal Court Judge's Clerk Education Fund,

12 for the purpose of providing continuing education to Municipal Court Judges

13 and Municipal Court Clerks of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the

14 biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
18	(01) MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES AND MUNICIPAL		
19	COURT CLERKS CONTINUING EDUCATION		
20	PROGRAM	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

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22 SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES - TRAINING AND REPRESENTATION - FEDERAL.

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

24 Training and Representation for the 2001-2003 biennium, the following maximum

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

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

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

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

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

30 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions

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

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

33 successor.

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35		Maximum Annual
36	Maximum	Salary Rate

Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years		
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2001-2002	2002-2003
(1)	9133	TRAINING COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE 22	
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1		

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS - TRAINING AND REPRESENTATION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Training and Representation for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	2001-2002	2002-2003
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 45,535	\$ 0
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	11,001	0
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	109,305	165,841
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000	20,000
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000	40,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 275,841</u>	<u>\$ 275,841</u>

SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE - FEDERAL. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Appointed Special Advocate for the 2001-2003 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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			Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
Item	Class		Empl oyees	Fiscal Years
No.	Code	Title		2001-2002 2002-2003
(1)	9124	RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 18
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE - FEDERAL.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Appointed Special Advocate for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2001-2002	2002-2003
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 28,190	\$ 28,923
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	7,957	8,086
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	9,642	9,642
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,473	2,473
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 48,262</u>	<u>\$ 49,124</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - MEDIATION OF DEPENDENCY/NEGLECT - FEDERAL.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants for mediation training of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Mediation of Dependency/Neglect for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2001-2002	2002-2003

1	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000	10,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000	6,000
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
7	(02) GRANTS FOR MEDIATION TRAINING	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 116,000</u>	<u>\$ 116,000</u>

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10 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.

11 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to

12 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

13 the State, for operating expenses, fees and services of the Administrative

14 Office of the Courts - Access and Visitation Mediation for the biennial period

15 ending June 30, 2003, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
19	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000	10,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
22	(C) PROF. FEES	90,000	90,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

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27 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION. *There is hereby appropriated, to the*

28 *Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central*

29 *Services Fund, for operating expenses for a continuing education program for*

30 *Municipal Judges, for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the sum of*

31 *..... \$120,000.*

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33 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. *NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE*

34 *NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER.*

35 *Federal funds received by the Arkansas Department of Highway and*

36 *Transportation from the United States Department of Transportation from safety*

1 incentive funds received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community
 2 Highway Safety Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the
 3 Courts and deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse
 4 expenditures by the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses
 5 of the Continuing Education Program for Municipal Judges as appropriated in
 6 Section 18 herein. The appropriation to the Administrative Office of the
 7 Courts provided in Section 18 may be expended only in the event that federal
 8 funds have been granted and will be transferred from the Arkansas Department
 9 of Highway and Transportation to reimburse the Continuing Education Program
 10 for Municipal Judges. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only
 11 from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.

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 13 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATIONS – TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF COURT PERSONNEL -
 14 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the
 15 Courts, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of
 16 the Administrative Office of the Courts, for tuition and registration for
 17 educational programs for court personnel for the biennial period ending June
 18 30, 2003, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	2001-2002	2002-2003
(01) TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR COURT PERSONNEL	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>

25 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
 26 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CONTRACTING
 27 WITH PUBLIC DEFENDERS. The Administrative Office of the Courts Division of
 28 Dependency-Neglect Representation shall have the authority to enter into a
 29 Professional Services Agreement with a person who is serving as a part-time
 30 Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney and paid as an employee of
 31 the State of Arkansas when the Public Defender or other part-time State
 32 Attorney has been appointed to provide Dependency-Neglect Services by a
 33 Circuit Judge. The part-time Public Defender or other part-time State
 34 Attorney shall be eligible for additional compensation which shall not be
 35 construed as exceeding the line item maximum for the grade of that position
 36 when the Administrative Office of the Courts reimburses the part-time Public

1 Defender or other part-time State Attorney for Dependency-Neglect
2 Representation services performed. The provisions of this section shall be in
3 effect only from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.

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5 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
6 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DEPENDENCE-
7 NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Administrative
8 Office of the Courts may request authorization from the Arkansas Legislative
9 Council and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer funds and
10 appropriations between Item Numbers (01), (02), (03)(C) and (04) of Section 9
11 herein for the payment of employees and/or contractors providing legal
12 services for the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation. The
13 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2001 through
14 June 30, 2003.

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16 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
18 AUTHORITY. The Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer funds,
19 from time to time, from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State
20 Central Services Fund in such amounts as are required to reimburse the State
21 Central Services Fund for the expenses of the Administration Office of the
22 Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation. This transfer
23 authority shall be in addition to other authority given by law to the
24 Department of Finance and Administration to transfer funds from the State
25 Administration of Justice Fund and shall terminate on June 30, ~~2001~~ 2003.
26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2001
27 through June 30, 2003.

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29 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
31 PROCUREMENT-AUXILIARY AIDS. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall
32 employ the most cost efficient method of procuring auxiliary aids for persons
33 with hearing and visual impairments. These methods may include entering into
34 a contractual arrangement with another state agency or with a private entity
35 that is capable of providing these services. The provisions of this section
36 shall be in effect only from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.

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2 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
4 CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION. The contingency appropriation provided for in item
5 (6) of Section 9 herein for the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation
6 program shall be used only in the event that additional funding over that
7 available or contemplated during the Fall 2000 budget hearings is made
8 available. In that event, the Administrative Office of the Courts may request
9 authorization from the Arkansas Legislative Council and the Chief Fiscal
10 Officer of the State to transfer from item (6) of Section 9 the Contingency
11 item to any other line item in Section 9, for the Division of Dependency-
12 Neglect Representation in this Act. When the authorization is approved, the
13 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make the necessary adjustments on his
14 books and the books of the Auditor of the State. The provisions of this
15 section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.

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17 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
18 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. The Education
19 Specialist, Grade 19 position in Section 1 herein, shall be funded out of
20 funds transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts from the State
21 Administration of Justice Fund.

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23 SECTION 27. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED
24 SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND BALANCES. (A) For all
25 appropriations as provided in this Act, the agency disbursing officer shall
26 monitor the level of fund balances in relation to expenditures on a monthly
27 basis. If any proposed expenditures would cause a fund balance to decline to
28 less than fifty percent (50%) of the balance available on July 1, 2001, the
29 disbursing officer shall immediately notify the executive head of the agency.
30 Prior to any obligations being made under these circumstances, the agency head
31 shall file written documentation with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
32 requesting approval of the expenditures. Such documentation shall provide
33 sufficient financial data to justify the expenditures and shall include the
34 following:
35 1) a plan that clearly indicates the specific fiscal impact of such
36 expenditures on the fund balance.

1 2) information clearly indicating and explaining what programs would be cut or
2 any other measures to be taken by the agency to restore the fund balance.

3 3) the extent to which any of the planned expenditures are for one-time costs
4 or one-time purchase of capitalized items.

5 4) a statement certifying that the expenditure of fund balances will not
6 jeopardize the financial health of the agency, nor result in a permanent
7 depletion of the fund balance.

8 (B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall review the request and
9 approve or disapprove all or any part of the request , after having sought
10 prior review by the Legislative Council.

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12 SECTION 28. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
13 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
14 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
15 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary
16 Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures
17 and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of
18 this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
19 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
20 with in disbursement of said funds.

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22 SECTION 29. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
23 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
24 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
25 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
26 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
27 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
28 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
29 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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31 SECTION 30 EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
33 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the
35 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the
36 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date

1 of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
2 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an
3 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full
5 force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.

6 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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