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SENATE BILL 109

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
10 SERVICES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND  
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR  
17 THE BLIND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016  
18 FISCAL YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
25 for the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the  
26 Blind for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
27 employees.  
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2015-2016
33	(1) N125N	DHS DEP DIR SVCS FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE N904
34	(2) G021C	DHS/DSB ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C127
35	(3) G099C	DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C122
36	(4) A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121



1	(5)	L037C	REHAB AREA MANAGER	2	GRADE C120
2	(6)	G121C	REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE C120
3	(7)	L098C	CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	25	GRADE C119
4	(8)	G152C	DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE C119
5	(9)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
6	(10)	G163C	REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C118
7	(11)	G178C	POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
8	(12)	L051C	REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	4	GRADE C117
9	(13)	E040C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
10	(14)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
11	(15)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE C115
12	(16)	C043C	RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE C113
13	(17)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	9	GRADE C112
14	(18)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C112
15	(19)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>14</u>	GRADE C109
16			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	76	

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18 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 19 the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the Blind  
 20 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 21 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 22 appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty (30) temporary or part-time  
 23 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 24 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 25 for the appropriate classification.

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27 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 28 to the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the  
 29 Blind, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief  
 30 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 31 the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the Blind  
 32 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,903,231

1	(02) EXTRA HELP	384,174
2	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,090,478
3	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,584,637
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	663,500
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(05) PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u>5,019,977</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,725,997</u></u>

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12 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 14 COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT. The Rehabilitation Act  
 15 Amendments of 1992, commonly referred to as the Comprehensive System of  
 16 Personnel Development (CSPD), requires State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)  
 17 agencies to establish qualified personnel standards for rehabilitation  
 18 personnel, including Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, that are  
 19 consistent with any national or State-approved or recognized certification,  
 20 licensing, or registration that apply to a particular profession. In order  
 21 to comply with the Rehabilitation Act and its State Plan requirements, there  
 22 is hereby authorized for the Department of Human Services, Division of  
 23 Services for the Blind a general waiver of the Financial Management Guide,  
 24 R1-19-4-522 Continuing Professional Education. This waiver allows the agency  
 25 to provide college level coursework in degree programs for Rehabilitation  
 26 Counselors selected by the agency. This provision covers any and all formula  
 27 and discretionary grants funded by the U.S. Department of Education  
 28 Rehabilitation Services Administration, now or in the future, including, but  
 29 not limited to, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Supported Employment,  
 30 Independent Living, and the Staff Development Grant. No state general  
 31 revenue shall be expended for the tuition in pursuit of a degree authorized  
 32 herein.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
 34 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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36 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

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

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10 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
11 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
12 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
13 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
14 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
15 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
16 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
17 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
20 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
21 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
23 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
24 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
25 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
26 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
27 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
28 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
29 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.