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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 46

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 TRIAL COURT  
10 ADMINISTRATORS, THE OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS OF THE  
11 CIRCUIT COURTS, JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE  
12 OFFICERS AND DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE  
13 OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021;  
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF  
19 THE COURTS - COURT PERSONNEL  
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL  
21 YEAR.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS. There is  
27 hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Trial Court  
28 Administrators for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
29 regular employees.  
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Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	Fiscal Year
		Employees	2020-2021
(1)	Q226C	TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR	<u>127</u> GRADE GS07
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	127



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 2 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS. There is hereby  
 3 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 4 the Trial Court Administrator Fund, for personal services, Trial Court  
 5 Administrator Substitutes expenses and Trial Court Administrators expenses of  
 6 the Trial Court Administrators of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year  
 7 ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,247,843
12 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,064,684
13 (03) TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSES	175,000
14 (04) TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR SUBSTITUTES	<u>175,000</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,662,527</u></u>

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 17 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby  
 18 established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Official Court  
 19 Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following  
 20 maximum number of regular employees.

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23	Maximum	Maximum Annual
24 Item Class	No. of	Salary Rate
25 <u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
		2020-2021
26 (1) Q227C COURT REPORTER	<u>127</u>	GRADE GS08
27 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	127	

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 29 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby  
 30 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 31 the Court Reporter's Fund, for personal services, expenses allowance,  
 32 indigent transcripts and court reporter substitutes of the Official Court  
 33 Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the  
 34 following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,210,472
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,403,490
4	(03) EXPENSES ALLOWANCE	350,000
5	(04) INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS	600,000
6	(05) COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES	<u>375,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,938,962</u>

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 9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE OFFICERS. There  
 10 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be  
 11 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for reimbursement of a portion  
 12 of the salaries of full-time juvenile probation and intake officers in  
 13 accordance with Arkansas Code 16-13-327 and Arkansas Code 16-13-328 for the  
 14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
18	(01) JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE OFFICERS	<u>\$3,582,810</u>

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 20 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE  
 21 OFFICERS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the  
 22 Courts - Drug Court Juvenile Probation & Intake Officers for the 2020-2021  
 23 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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26		Maximum	Salary Rate
27	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
28	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
29	(1) Q231C DRUG COURT JUV PROB & INTAKE OFF	<u>13</u>	GRADE GS06
30	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	13	

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 32 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE  
 33 OFFICERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the  
 34 Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal  
 35 services for the Drug Court Juvenile Probation & Intake Officers and  
 36 operating expenses for the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth

1 (SAVRY) Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$485,835
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	177,845
7 (03) SAVRY PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>87,500</u>
8 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$751,180</u></u>

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10 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
12 FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUND.

13 (a) (i) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall be responsible  
14 for requesting and verifying the need for any additional appropriation, any  
15 position change level, and any increase in the Administration of Justice Fund  
16 Allocation Section as authorized annually through special language in the  
17 Department of Finance and Administration’s Disbursing Act, for the Trial  
18 Court Administrators and Official Court Reporters.

19 (ii) Any annual or biennial request for an increase in the  
20 Administration of Justice Fund allocation section for Trial Court  
21 Administrators and/or Official Court Reporters shall not exceed the total or  
22 projected total revenues available for the Trial Court Administrator Fund or  
23 the Court Reporter’s Fund from the Administration of Justice Fund as  
24 determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts with assistance from  
25 the Department of Finance and Administration.

26 (b) (i) During a fiscal year the Administrative Office of the Courts  
27 shall not approve any change level in salary, operating expense and other  
28 distributions for Trial Court Administrators which will exceed actual or  
29 projected fund balances in the Trial Court Administrator Fund.

30 (ii) During a fiscal year the Administrative Office of the Courts  
31 shall not approve any change level in salary, operating expense and other  
32 distributions for Court Reporters which will exceed actual or projected fund  
33 balances in the Court Reporter’s Fund.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~  
35 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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1 SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
4 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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20 SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of  
24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm  
27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020.

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33 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*  
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