

1 State of Arkansas
2 93rd General Assembly
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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 23

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, 2023;
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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
29 regular employees.
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| Item | Class | Maximum | Maximum Annual Salary Rate |
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| No. | Code Title | No. of Employees | Fiscal Year |
| | | | 2022-2023 |
| (1) | Q226C TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR | <u>127</u> | GRADE GS07 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 127 | |



SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Trial Court Administrator Fund, for personal services, Trial Court Administrator Substitutes expenses and Trial Court Administrators expenses of the Trial Court Administrators of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$6,367,803 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 2,165,040 |
| (03) TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSES | 175,000 |
| (04) TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR SUBSTITUTES | <u>175,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$8,882,843</u></u> |

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item | Class | Maximum | Maximum Annual |
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| <u>No.</u> | <u>Code</u> | <u>No. of</u> | <u>Salary Rate</u> |
| <u>Title</u> | | <u>Employees</u> | <u>Fiscal Year</u> |
| | | | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| (1) Q227C COURT REPORTER | | <u>127</u> | GRADE GS08 |
| MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | | 127 | |

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Court Reporter's Fund, for personal services, expenses allowance, indigent transcripts and court reporter substitutes of the Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 1 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</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, 2023, the following:

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| 16 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
| 17 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</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 2022-2023

23 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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| 25 | | | Maximum Annual |
| 26 | | Maximum | Salary Rate |
| 27 | Item Class | No. of | Fiscal Year |
| 28 | <u>No. Code Title</u> | <u>Employees</u> | <u>2022-2023</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

(SAVRY) Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$518,030 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 190,538 |
| (03) SAVRY PROGRAM EXPENSES | <u>87,500</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$796,068</u></u> |

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

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

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

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
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