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A Bill

SENATE BILL 28

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
10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
11 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
15 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023
16 FISCAL YEAR.
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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 - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
23 established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2022-2023 fiscal
24 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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| Item No. | Class Code | Title | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023 |
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| 30 | (1) SC015 | SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS | <u>1</u> | GRADE SE05 |
| 31 | | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 1 | |

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33 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
34 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
35 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services of the Department
36 of Veterans' Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:



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| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$170,772 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | <u>42,096</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$212,868</u></u> |

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item | Class | Maximum | Maximum Annual |
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| No. | Code Title | No. of | Salary Rate |
| | | | Fiscal Year |
| | | | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| (1) | U008U ADVA DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE SE02 |
| (2) | L018N NURSE PRACTITIONER | 1 | GRADE MP04 |
| (3) | L009C NURSE MANAGER | 2 | GRADE MP03 |
| (4) | L019C REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE MP02 |
| (5) | L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE MP02 |
| (6) | L032C REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL | 19 | GRADE MP01 |
| (7) | D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE IT02 |
| (8) | N197N NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS15 |
| (9) | G039N ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS14 |
| (10) | L026N ADVA STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR | 2 | GRADE GS14 |
| (11) | A133C ADVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (12) | A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS11 |
| (13) | G254C ADVA DIVISION MANAGER | 2 | GRADE GS10 |
| (14) | V036C AGENCY PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE GS10 |
| (15) | A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| (16) | M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER | 2 | GRADE GS09 |
| (17) | L021C NURSING HOME ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR | 2 | GRADE GS09 |
| (18) | P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| (19) | X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER | 2 | GRADE GS09 |
| (20) | A082C ACCOUNTANT II | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| (21) | S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR | 2 | GRADE GS08 |

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| 1 | (22) | R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| 2 | (23) | A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| 3 | (24) | X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| 4 | (25) | G253C ADVA SERVICE OFFICER | 11 | GRADE GS07 |
| 5 | (26) | R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| 6 | (27) | V008C BUYER SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| 7 | (28) | G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE GS07 |
| 8 | (29) | P065C DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| 9 | (30) | C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| 10 | (31) | S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE GS07 |
| 11 | (32) | G237C ADVA CEMETERY MANAGER | 2 | GRADE GS07 |
| 12 | (33) | C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST | 2 | GRADE GS06 |
| 13 | (34) | L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE | 40 | GRADE GS06 |
| 14 | (35) | S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR | 2 | GRADE GS06 |
| 15 | (36) | V014C BUYER | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| 16 | (37) | A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| 17 | (38) | R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE | 4 | GRADE GS05 |
| 18 | (39) | M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR | 2 | GRADE GS05 |
| 19 | (40) | V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| 20 | (41) | C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III | 2 | GRADE GS04 |
| 21 | (42) | A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| 22 | (43) | S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| 23 | (44) | S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN | 7 | GRADE GS04 |
| 24 | (45) | C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II | 4 | GRADE GS03 |
| 25 | (46) | L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT | 146 | GRADE GS03 |
| 26 | (47) | S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR | 3 | GRADE GS03 |
| 27 | (48) | S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST | 2 | GRADE GS03 |
| 28 | (49) | C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I | 1 | GRADE GS02 |
| 29 | (50) | S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST | 7 | GRADE GS02 |
| 30 | (51) | S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR | 3 | GRADE GS02 |
| 31 | (52) | S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS02 |
| 32 | (53) | S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN | <u>2</u> | GRADE GS01 |
| 33 | | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 303 | |

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35 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby

36 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the

Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations 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 | \$1,041,033 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 315,806 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 220,500 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 8,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES | <u>583,500</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$2,168,839</u></u> |

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty (30) 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 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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

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| 1 | (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$9,110,719 |
| 2 | (02) | EXTRA HELP | 45,339 |
| 3 | (03) | PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 3,569,228 |
| 4 | (04) | OVERTIME | 627,198 |
| 5 | (05) | MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 6 | (A) | OPER. EXPENSE | 7,537,808 |
| 7 | (B) | CONF. & TRAVEL | 16,000 |
| 8 | (C) | PROF. FEES | 282,000 |
| 9 | (D) | CAP. OUTLAY | 40,000 |
| 10 | (E) | DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 11 | (06) | SPECIAL MAINTENANCE | <u>72,831</u> |
| 12 | | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$21,301,123</u> |

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14 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 16 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 17 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'
 18 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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| 20 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 21 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| 22 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$594,231 |
| 23 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 210,830 |
| 24 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 25 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 88,950 |
| 26 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| 27 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 28 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 29 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 30 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$894,011</u> |

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32 SECTION 8. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby
 33 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries -
 34 Cash for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time
 35 or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 36 appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time

1 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 2 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 3 for the appropriate classification.

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 5 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 7 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 8 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 9 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the
 10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

| 12 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 13 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| 14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$3,635 |
| 15 (02) EXTRA HELP | 24,000 |
| 16 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 3,141 |
| 17 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 18 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 208,075 |
| 19 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 10,000 |
| 20 (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 21 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 87,030 |
| 22 (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$335,881</u></u> |

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 25 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is
 26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 27 from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the
 28 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the
 29 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

| 31 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 32 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| 33 (01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES | <u><u>\$22,950</u></u> |

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 35 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CEMETERY EXPANSION - FEDERAL. There is
 36 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable

1 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 2 State, for construction and expansion expenses for the North Little Rock
 3 Veterans' Cemetery of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Cemetery
 4 Expansion - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| NO. | 2022-2023 |
| (01) CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION EXPENSES | <u>\$2,000,000</u> |

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 10 SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES - DISABLED VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE.

11 There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs -
 12 Disabled Veterans' Services Office for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the
 13 following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item Class | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year |
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| No. Code Title | Employees | 2022-2023 |
| (1) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II | <u>1</u> | GRADE GS03 |
| MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 1 | |

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 22 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - DISABLED VETERANS' SERVICES
 23 OFFICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans'
 24 Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for
 25 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans'
 26 Affairs - Disabled Veterans' Services Office for the fiscal year ending June
 27 30, 2023, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| NO. | 2022-2023 |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$26,762 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 11,547 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 1,304 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |

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| 1 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 2 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| 3 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$39,613</u></u> |

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5 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD WELFARE
 6 SERVICE. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs
 7 - Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the
 8 following maximum number of regular employees.

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| 10 | | Maximum Annual |
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| 11 | | Salary Rate |
| 12 | Item Class | Fiscal Year |
| 13 | No. Code Title | 2022-2023 |
| 14 | (1) U009U ADVA VETERANS CHILD WELFARE DIR | 1 GRADE GS07 |
| 15 | (2) C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST | <u>1</u> GRADE GS05 |
| 16 | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 2 |

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18 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD
 19 WELFARE SERVICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 20 Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 21 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 22 Veterans' Affairs - Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service for the fiscal
 23 year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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| 25 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 26 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
| 27 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$84,137 |
| 28 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 30,127 |
| 29 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 30 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 4,182 |
| 31 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| 32 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 33 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 34 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 35 | (04) GRANTS/AID-ASSISTANCE TO MINOR | |
| 36 | CHILDREN | <u>42,020</u> |

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$160,466

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3 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF
5 ADVA CONTINGENCY POSITION POOL AND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. In the event
6 additional appropriation becomes necessary that is not authorized or
7 contemplated in State Operations, Veterans' Homes and Veterans' Cemeteries
8 appropriations of this Act and growth in the State Veterans' Home at
9 Fayetteville's or North Little Rock's resident census and/or growth in the
10 number of interments at the State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock
11 makes it necessary for the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs to
12 request additional positions, regular salaries and personal services matching
13 appropriation in order to carry out the objectives of the Agency, the ADVA
14 Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation authorized herein may
15 be used for regular salaries and personal services matching line items.

16 The Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs Contingency Appropriation
17 authorized herein shall be funded primarily with cash funds of the State
18 Veterans' Home at Fayetteville or North Little Rock and of the State
19 Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock or Birdeye. Each entity's cash funds
20 shall be utilized in support of its own business operations and shall not be
21 co-mingled. In addition, general revenue funding in support of the ADVA
22 Contingency Position Pool shall be limited to \$250,000 per year.

23 Use of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation
24 authorized in this Act shall be conditioned upon approval by the Chief Fiscal
25 Officer of the State and upon certification by the Secretary of the Arkansas
26 Department of Veterans' Affairs that funds are available to support the
27 contingency positions requested and upon prior review by the Arkansas
28 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

29 The General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas State Veterans'
30 Home at Fayetteville and the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery at North
31 Little Rock may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to
32 the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs under this Section.

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34 MAXIMUM ANNUAL
35 MAXIMUM SALARY RATE
36 ITEM CLASS NO. OF FISCAL YEAR

| | <u>NO.</u> | <u>CODE</u> | <u>TITLE</u> | <u>EMPLOYEES</u> | <u>2021-2022</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> |
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| 1 | (1) | C087C | ADMIN SPECIALIST I | 1 | GRADE | GS02 |
| 2 | (2) | S046C | MAINT TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE | GS04 |
| 3 | (3) | S050C | MAINT SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE | GS03 |
| 4 | (4) | S065C | MAINT ASSISTANT | 3 | GRADE | GS01 |
| 5 | (5) | L009C | NURSE MANAGER | 1 | GRADE | MP03 |
| 6 | (6) | L019C | REG NURSE COORD | 1 | GRADE | MP02 |
| 7 | (7) | D071C | COMP SUPPORT ANALYST | 1 | GRADE | IT03 |
| 8 | (8) | L069C | LICENSED PRACT NURSE | 1 | GRADE | GS06 |
| 9 | (9) | M065C | RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR | 1 | GRADE | GS05 |
| 10 | (10) | L082C | CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST | 9 | GRADE | GS03 |
| 11 | (11) | S087C | INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST | 3 | GRADE | GS01 |

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
 13 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.
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 16 SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 17 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 18 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 19 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 20 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 21 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 22 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 23 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 24 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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26 SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 27 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 28 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 29 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 30 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 31 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 32 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 33 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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35 SECTION 19. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
 36 2022.