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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1119

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 COUNTY OPERATIONS FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL  
18 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 County Operations for the  
26 2023-2024 fiscal 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 2023-2024
32	(1) N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
33	(2) L013N	GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
34	(3) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	2	GRADE MP01
35	(4) D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT05
36	(5) D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03



1	(6)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
2	(7)	N102N DHS/DCO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
3	(8)	N080N DHS/DMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISCAL	1	GRADE GS14
4	(9)	N108N DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR	2	GRADE GS13
5	(10)	N168N DHS DIR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
6	(11)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
7	(12)	N141N DHS/DCO AREA DIRECTOR	6	GRADE GS12
8	(13)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
9	(14)	G100C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR III	11	GRADE GS10
10	(15)	G111C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR II	31	GRADE GS09
11	(16)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	3	GRADE GS09
12	(17)	M014C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR III	10	GRADE GS09
13	(18)	G130C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR I	39	GRADE GS08
14	(19)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	6	GRADE GS08
15	(20)	G129C DHS/DCO PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
16	(21)	M100C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	18	GRADE GS08
17	(22)	M018C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR II	33	GRADE GS08
18	(23)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
19	(24)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
20	(25)	G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	18	GRADE GS07
21	(26)	M042C DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
22	(27)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
23	(28)	M099C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	210	GRADE GS07
24	(29)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	32	GRADE GS07
25	(30)	M037C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	89	GRADE GS07
26	(31)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS07
27	(32)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS07
28	(33)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE GS06
29	(34)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
30	(35)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
31	(36)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
32	(37)	G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
33	(38)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	750	GRADE GS06
34	(39)	X154C PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INVESTIGATOR	20	GRADE GS06
35	(40)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	29	GRADE GS06
36	(41)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	14	GRADE GS06

1	(42) C030C HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
2	(43) C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC	34	GRADE GS05
3	(44) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	11	GRADE GS04
4	(45) C072C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
5	(46) C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
6	(47) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	9	GRADE GS03
7	(48) M084C BEHAV HLTH AIDE	1	GRADE GS03
8	(49) C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>399</u>	GRADE GS03
9	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,834	

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11 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 12 the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Operations  
 13 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 14 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 15 appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty-seven (37) temporary or part-  
 16 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in  
 17 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this  
 18 act for the appropriate classification.

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20 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 21 to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as  
 22 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services  
 23 and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 24 County Operations - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the  
 25 following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$77,807,062
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	503,937
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	31,108,364
32	(04) OVERTIME	125,000
33	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,778,976
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	124,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	12,079,291

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>18,728,948</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$166,255,578</u>

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6 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - FEDERAL. There is hereby  
7 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
8 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
9 federally funded grants of the Department of Human Services - Division of  
10 County Operations - Grants - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
11 2024, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(01) HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANT	\$6,588,566
16	(02) REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM	<u>272,846</u>
17	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,861,412</u>

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19 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby  
20 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
21 Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for grant payments of the  
22 Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants - State  
23 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
27	(01) AID TO AGED, BLIND, DISABLED	<u>\$4,000</u>

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29 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
30 the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as  
31 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of  
32 the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants for  
33 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>

1	(01) TANF BLOCK GRANT	\$6,893,484
2	(02) COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT	10,567,165
3	(03) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE	
4	PROGRAM (SNAP)	<u>1,975,185</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$19,435,834</u>

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7 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HUNGER COALITION. There is hereby

8 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the

9 County Operations Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human

10 Services - Division of County Operations - Hunger Coalition for the fiscal

11 year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(01) HUNGER COALITION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$995,113</u>

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17 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY OPERATIONS - MEDICAID TOBACCO

18 SETTLEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human

19 Services, to be payable from the Medicaid Expansion Program Account, for

20 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services

21 - Division of County Operations - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program for the

22 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,675,081
27	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	677,544
28	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	197,197
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31	(C) PROF. FEES	0
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,599,822</u>

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1 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INTER-  
3 AGENCY TRANSFER OF STATE GENERAL REVENUE FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY  
4 FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAMS. Upon the request of the Secretary of the  
5 Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Director of the Division of  
6 Workforce Services (DWS), the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may approve  
7 up to \$3,640,650 in State General Revenue appropriated to DWS for the TANF  
8 Program to be transferred to the Department of Human Services - Division of  
9 County Operations in support of Arkansas' Temporary Assistance for Needy  
10 Families (TANF) Programs or any related Separate State Programs. The Director  
11 of the Division of Workforce Services shall provide a report of all transfers  
12 made to the DHS - Division of County Operations to the Performance Evaluation  
13 and Expenditure Review Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and/or  
14 Joint Budget Committee. The report must include the justification for and the  
15 amount of the completed transfers.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
17 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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19 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 12,  
20 Chapter 75, Subchapter 1, is amended to codify special language in  
21 appropriation acts by adding an additional section to read as follows:

22 12-75-139. Division of County Operations – Employees.

23 If a state of disaster emergency under this chapter or a federal  
24 disaster is declared, the Division of County Operations may:

25 (1) Contract labor for periods that exceed the limitations  
26 imposed by rules adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration; and

27 (2) Waive the limitation of one thousand five hundred (1,500)  
28 hours per state fiscal year for extra help positions under § 21-5-224.

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30 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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13 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
14 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
15 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
16 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
17 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
18 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
19 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
20 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
21 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
22 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
23 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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25 /s/ Joint Budget Committee  
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