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SENATE BILL 51

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 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
11 SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL
17 DISABILITIES SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR
18 THE 2023-2024 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 Developmental Disabilities
26 Services for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
27 regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2023-2024
33	(1)	N249N DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
34	(2)	L008N PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	6	GRADE MP07
35	(3)	L011N DENTIST	2	GRADE MP06
36	(4)	L017N DHS ALEXANDER CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP05



1	(5)	L018N NURSE PRACTITIONER	7	GRADE MP04
2	(6)	L001C PSYCHOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP04
3	(7)	L009C NURSE MANAGER	5	GRADE MP03
4	(8)	L003C PSYCHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP03
5	(9)	L015C CLINICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	10	GRADE MP02
6	(10)	L036C NURSE INSTRUCTOR	4	GRADE MP02
7	(11)	L019C REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	6	GRADE MP02
8	(12)	L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	15	GRADE MP02
9	(13)	L038C REGISTERED NURSE	59	GRADE MP01
10	(14)	D065C NETWORK SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
11	(15)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE IT02
12	(16)	N175N DHS DDS ASST DIR FOR RESIDENTIAL SVC	1	GRADE GS15
13	(17)	N144N DHS DDS DIR CLIENT SERVICES	1	GRADE GS14
14	(18)	N081N DHS DDS SUPT HDC/CONWAY	1	GRADE GS14
15	(19)	N101N DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR PGM & ADMN SPT	1	GRADE GS14
16	(20)	N110N DHS ASST DIR CONTRACT MONITORING UNIT	1	GRADE GS13
17	(21)	N126N DHS DDS SUPT HDC	4	GRADE GS13
18	(22)	N145N DHS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CMS	1	GRADE GS12
19	(23)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
20	(24)	M005C DHS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - CONWAY	1	GRADE GS11
21	(25)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	24	GRADE GS09
22	(26)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS09
23	(27)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
24	(28)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS09
25	(29)	L021C NURSING HOME ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE GS09
26	(30)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	11	GRADE GS09
27	(31)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
28	(32)	E024C TEACHER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
29	(33)	A116C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
30	(34)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	2	GRADE GS08
31	(35)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	23	GRADE GS08
32	(36)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
33	(37)	L047C MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS08
34	(38)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
35	(39)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
36	(40)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08

1	(41)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	5	GRADE GS07
2	(42)	S008C CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
3	(43)	M043C DDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
4	(44)	A055C DHS INSTITUTION BUSINESS MANAGER	4	GRADE GS07
5	(45)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	58	GRADE GS07
6	(46)	M042C DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
7	(47)	G182C DHS/DDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	34	GRADE GS07
8	(48)	L055C DIETICIAN	1	GRADE GS07
9	(49)	S019C DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE	1	GRADE GS07
10	(50)	E048C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	10	GRADE GS07
11	(51)	E032C EDUCATION COUNSELOR	1	GRADE GS07
12	(52)	M026C LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	3	GRADE GS07
13	(53)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
14	(54)	L061C MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	3	GRADE GS07
15	(55)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	1	GRADE GS07
16	(56)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	6	GRADE GS07
17	(57)	M024C RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	14	GRADE GS07
18	(58)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS07
19	(59)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE GS06
20	(60)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
21	(61)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	3	GRADE GS06
22	(62)	M057C CHAPLAIN	1	GRADE GS06
23	(63)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS06
24	(64)	E038C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
25	(65)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
26	(66)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
27	(67)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
28	(68)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	114	GRADE GS06
29	(69)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS06
30	(70)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
31	(71)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	1	GRADE GS06
32	(72)	C026C RECORDS/INTAKE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
33	(73)	L060C REHAB INSTRUCTOR SUPERVISOR	26	GRADE GS06
34	(74)	M098C RESIDENTIAL CARE SHIFT MANAGER	56	GRADE GS06
35	(75)	X094C SERVICES & PROGRAM LICENSING SPEC	8	GRADE GS06
36	(76)	M054C SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER	11	GRADE GS06

1	(77)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
2	(78)	S021C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT SUPV	1	GRADE GS06
3	(79)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS05
4	(80)	A088C ASSETS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS05
5	(81)	R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
6	(82)	S041C BOILER OPERATOR	2	GRADE GS05
7	(83)	V014C BUYER	2	GRADE GS05
8	(84)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
9	(85)	L070C HEALTH CARE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
10	(86)	C030C HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
11	(87)	D077C HELP DESK SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
12	(88)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	3	GRADE GS05
13	(89)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC	9	GRADE GS05
14	(90)	V015C PURCHASING SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS05
15	(91)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
16	(92)	L066C REHABILITATION INSTRUCTOR	120	GRADE GS05
17	(93)	M004C RESIDENTIAL OPERATIONS MANAGER	321	GRADE GS05
18	(94)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	25	GRADE GS05
19	(95)	E051C STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
20	(96)	S030C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT OPER	2	GRADE GS05
21	(97)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	48	GRADE GS04
22	(98)	S053C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	1	GRADE GS04
23	(99)	S061C CHDC LAUNDRY OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
24	(100)	L081C DENTAL ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS04
25	(101)	L102C DIETETIC SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
26	(102)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
27	(103)	A102C FISCAL SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS04
28	(104)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	4	GRADE GS04
29	(105)	R038C HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS04
30	(106)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
31	(107)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS04
32	(108)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS04
33	(109)	C044C MEDICAL BILLING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
34	(110)	M063C RESIDENTIAL CARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS04
35	(111)	M073C RESIDENTIAL CARE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
36	(112)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS04

1	(113)	L074C THERAPY ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS04
2	(114)	V025C WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
3	(115)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	66	GRADE GS03
4	(116)	S081C APPRENTICE TRADESMAN	8	GRADE GS03
5	(117)	M084C BEHAV HLTH AIDE	39	GRADE GS03
6	(118)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	812	GRADE GS03
7	(119)	M090C DHS PROGRAM ASSISTANT	40	GRADE GS03
8	(120)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS03
9	(121)	S067C HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
10	(122)	S076C INSTITUTIONAL BEAUTICIAN	3	GRADE GS03
11	(123)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS03
12	(124)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS03
13	(125)	C066C PATIENT ACCOUNT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS03
14	(126)	T087C SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE GS03
15	(127)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	32	GRADE GS02
16	(128)	S083C BAKER	4	GRADE GS02
17	(129)	S082C CANTEEN SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS02
18	(130)	S070C EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	17	GRADE GS02
19	(131)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	13	GRADE GS02
20	(132)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	36	GRADE GS02
21	(133)	S088C KITCHEN ASSISTANT	64	GRADE GS02
22	(134)	L075C ORTHOTIST AIDE	4	GRADE GS02
23	(135)	L085C PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE	1	GRADE GS02
24	(136)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	4	GRADE GS02
25	(137)	E056C TEACHER ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS02
26	(138)	L084C THERAPY AIDE	1	GRADE GS02
27	(139)	V028C WAREHOUSE WORKER	3	GRADE GS02
28	(140)	S086C COOK	13	GRADE GS01
29	(141)	S080C EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	1	GRADE GS01
30	(142)	S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	31	GRADE GS01
31	(143)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	88	GRADE GS01
32	(144)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	12	GRADE GS01
33	(145)	V029C PURCHASING ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
34		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,535	

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36 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

1 the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities
 2 Services for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 3 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 4 appropriated herein for such purposes: two hundred (200) temporary or part-
 5 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
 6 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
 7 act for the appropriate classification.

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 9 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 10 to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as
 11 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 12 and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of
 13 Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
 14 the following:

16 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
18 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$97,014,979
19 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,910,944
20 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	42,033,860
21 (04) OVERTIME	4,310,000
22 (05) EXTRA SALARIES	27,000
23 (06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	28,170,408
25 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	98,870
26 (C) PROF. FEES	3,311,079
27 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	750,000
28 (E) DATA PROC.	0
29 (07) GRANTS/PATIENT SERVICES	4,987,134
30 (08) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	1,000,000
31 (09) VOCATIONAL TRAINEES	239,000
32 (10) CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT SERVICES	67,191
33 (11) PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u>6,814,688</u>
34 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$191,735,153</u>

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 36 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SPECIAL OLYMPICS. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
2 Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account, for grants to the Arkansas
3 Special Olympics by the Department of Human Services - Division of
4 Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
5 the following:

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7	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
9	(01) GRANTS-SPECIAL OLYMPICS	<u>\$178,768</u>

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11 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. There is hereby
12 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
13 Developmental Disabilities Services-Dog Track Special Revenue Fund, for
14 expenses of the private non-profit community based programs licensed by the
15 Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities
16 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
20	(01) COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	<u>\$50,000</u>

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22 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS-IN-AID. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
24 Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account, for grants-in-aid to the
25 community providers of services to the developmentally disabled by the
26 Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities
27 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
31	(01) GRANTS TO COMMUNITY PROVIDERS	<u>\$15,892,045</u>

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33 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - INTER-DIVISIONAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby
34 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
35 Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account, for integrated services and
36 programs developed by the various divisions, for services and programs

1 developed in conjunction with other state agencies, and for the development
2 and implementation of an integrated case management system for the Department
3 of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities for the fiscal
4 year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) INTER-DIVISIONAL PROGRAMS	<u>\$108,644</u>

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10 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby
11 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
12 Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for grant payments of the
13 Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities for the
14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES-STATE	<u>\$1,729,279</u>

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20 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - FEDERAL. There is hereby
21 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
22 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
23 federally funded grants of the Department of Human Services - Division of
24 Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
25 the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES-FEDERAL	<u>\$1,446,205</u>

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31 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
33 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - GRANTS TO COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS. Funds
34 allocated for community-based services under the appropriation for (i) the
35 Grants-in-Aid appropriation in this act, (ii) the Grants/Patient Services
36 Line in the Operations appropriation in this act, and (iii) the Inter-

1 Divisional Programs appropriation in this act, shall be used only to provide
2 services through private community based services licensed or certified by
3 the Arkansas Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) or
4 licensed or certified by a Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity
5 (PASSE). Non-profit community-based programs licensed by the Division of
6 Developmental Disabilities Services are quasi-governmental instrumentalities
7 of the state which provide supports and services to individuals who have a
8 developmental disability or delay, who would otherwise require supports and
9 services through state-operated programs and facilities owned by the State of
10 Arkansas. When licensed providers are involved in delivering services which
11 are Medicaid reimbursable, they must enroll as a provider with the Arkansas
12 Medicaid Program and must bill the Arkansas Medicaid Program for all covered
13 services for eligible individuals.

14 Services which are covered by the Arkansas State Medicaid Program,
15 including the Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) model, will
16 be utilized to the maximum extent possible for any individual who is eligible
17 for Medicaid coverage. It is the intent of this section that DDS, as a
18 general policy, maximize the use of Medicaid funding available for
19 appropriate services.

20 Licensed private community providers funded from these appropriations for
21 community based services shall:

22 1. Screen each individual to whom services are provided for a determination
23 of eligibility or ineligibility for Medicaid coverage within thirty days of
24 the first date that services are provided.

25 2. Meet minimum standards of performance in the delivery of services to
26 people with disabilities as defined by the Department of Human Services -
27 Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.

28 3. Supply statistical and financial data to the Department of Human Services
29 - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.

30 4. Establish and maintain a sound financial management system in accordance
31 with guidelines as set forth by the Department of Human Services.

32 5. Establish and maintain community support programs designed to provide
33 coordinated care and treatment to ensure ongoing involvement and
34 individualized services for persons with disabilities.

35 It is the intent of this section to insure that wherever possible and
36 appropriate, Medicaid funds are utilized.

1 Nothing in this Act shall prevent the Division or any provider from
 2 extending emergency services when appropriate measures have been taken in a
 3 timely manner to secure Medicaid eligibility.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
 5 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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 7 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 20,
 8 Chapter 48, Subchapter 4, is amended to add additional sections and to codify
 9 special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

10 20-48-418. Vocational trainees.

11 The Division of Developmental Disabilities Services may provide
 12 employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities who:

- 13 (1) Reside at a human development center; and
- 14 (2) Who work at a less than competitive employment level.

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 16 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 20,
 17 Chapter 48, Subchapter 4, is amended to add additional sections and to codify
 18 special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

19 20-48-419. Prohibition on closure of human development centers.

20 (a) The Board of Developmental Disabilities Services and the
 21 Department of Human Services shall not close any of the existing five (5)
 22 human development centers.

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 24 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

26 ELIMINATION OF AUTISM WAIVER SERVICES WAITING LIST. Immediately upon the
 27 effective date of this Act, the Department of Human Services - Division of
 28 Developmental Disabilities Services shall budget, allocate, and expend up to
 29 one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the elimination of the Autism Waiver
 30 Services Program waiting list.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 32 ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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 34 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 35 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 36 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

1 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
2 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
3 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
4 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
5 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
6 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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