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1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2024  
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As Engrossed: S4/25/24  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 28

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
10 OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
11 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF  
16 THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-  
17 2025 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
23 for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2024-2025 fiscal year,  
24 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 2024-2025
30	(1) Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
31	(2) Q260C	AOC COURT APPLICATIONS BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE IT12
32	(3) D143C	AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT11
33	(4) Q088C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
34	(5) Q219C	AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	2	GRADE IT09
35	(6) Q114C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST II	2	GRADE IT08
36	(7) Q048C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	2	GRADE IT08



1	(8)	Q070C AOC REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE IT07
2	(9)	Q082C AOC INTERPRETER SC:L	1	GRADE IT06
3	(10)	Q008N AOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
4	(11)	Q009C AOC MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS15
5	(12)	Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS14
6	(13)	Q050C AOC COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
7	(14)	Q071C AOC FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
8	(15)	Q058C AOC JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
9	(16)	Q104C AOC PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS12
10	(17)	Q014C AOC SPECIALTY COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS12
11	(18)	Q069C AOC CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS11
12	(19)	G309C AOC GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
13	(20)	Q258C AOC JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
14	(21)	Q089C AOC OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
15	(22)	Q057C AOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
16	(23)	Q081C AOC SPANISH INTERPRETER	4	GRADE GS10
17	(24)	Q289C AOC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
18	(25)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS08
19	(26)	Q102C AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS08
20	(27)	A142C AOC PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS08
21	(28)	Q105C AOC RESEARCH ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	47	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 25 the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2024-2025 fiscal  
 26 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be  
 27 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 28 purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of  
 29 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 30 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 31 classification.

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33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 34 to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State  
 35 Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 36 Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the fiscal year ending

1 June 30, 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,317,182
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,106,218
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	619,627
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES	45,000
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500
13 (E) DATA PROC.	0
14 (05) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	400,000
15 (06) COURT INTERPRETER FEES	<u>519,350</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,211,877</u></u>

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18 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION. There is  
 19 hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute  
 20 Resolution Commission for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum  
 21 number of regular employees.

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23	Maximum Annual
24	Salary Rate
25 Item Class	Fiscal Year
26 <u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
27 (1) Q020C AOC ADR PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1 GRADE GS12
28 (2) Q132C AOC ADR TRAINING COORDINATOR	1 GRADE GS08
29 (3) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u> GRADE GS08
30 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3

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32 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - STATE.  
 33 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to  
 34 be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services,  
 35 operating expenses and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
 36 Dispute Resolution Commission - State for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$185,450
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	65,386
7 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	35,514
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
10 (C) PROF. FEES	31,604
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	0
13 (04) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANTS	<u>25,000</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$357,954</u></u>

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16 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION -  
 17 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the  
 18 Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as  
 19 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses,  
 20 fees and services of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative  
 21 Dispute Resolution Commission - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 22 2025, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
26 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$125,000
28 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
29 (C) PROF. FEES	120,000
30 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$275,000</u></u>

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34 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS - STATE. There  
 35 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be  
 36 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for

1 reasonable accommodations for persons with hearing and visual impairments to  
 2 act as a venire person or juror for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
 3 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) AUXILIARY AIDS-HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS	<u>\$10,000</u>

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 10 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES CONTINUING EDUCATION -  
 11 STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the  
 12 Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating  
 13 expenses for a continuing education program for District Judges for the  
 14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$80,000</u>

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 26 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT  
 27 REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of  
 28 the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the 2024-2025  
 29 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2024-2025</u>
(1)	Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(2)	Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS14

1	(3) Q029C AOC AD LITEM ATTORNEY	34	GRADE GS13
2	(4) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	38	

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5 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT  
 6 REPRESENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office  
 7 of the Courts, to be transferred from the State Administration of Justice  
 8 Fund, and to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal  
 9 services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
 10 Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the fiscal year ending June  
 11 30, 2025, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,183,076
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,020,903
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	566,514
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	1,405,816
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	1,750,000
24	(05) ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>396,750</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,333,059</u>

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27 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby  
 28 established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation  
 29 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
 30 employees.

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32		Maximum Annual
33		Salary Rate
34	Item Class	Fiscal Year
35	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36		
	(1) Q015N AOC APPLICATIONS DIRECTOR	1 GRADE IT12

1	(2)	Q012N AOC CIS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT12
2	(3)	Q261C AOC IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE DIR	1	GRADE IT12
3	(4)	Q062N AOC SYSTEMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT12
4	(5)	N187N CIS DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT12
5	(6)	Q259C AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE IT11
6	(7)	Q016C AOC PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT11
7	(8)	Q005C AOC DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT10
8	(9)	Q140C AOC DEVELOPMENT TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT10
9	(10)	Q028C AOC TECHNICAL TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT10
10	(11)	Q136C AOC INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT09
11	(12)	Q139C AOC IT SECURITY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT08
12	(13)	Q190C AOC PROJECT MANAGER II	3	GRADE IT08
13	(14)	Q142C AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	4	GRADE IT08
14	(15)	Q049C AOC TECHNICAL ANALYST	3	GRADE IT08
15	(16)	Q101C AOC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT08
16	(17)	Q135C AOC BUSINESS ANALYST	4	GRADE IT07
17	(18)	Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
18	(19)	Q189C AOC PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT06
19	(20)	Q138C AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE LEAD	1	GRADE GS12
20	(21)	Q068C AOC APPLICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS11
21	(22)	Q137C AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS11
22	(23)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
23		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	43	

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and other costs associated with the state court automation system by the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,372,004
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,102,268
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,450,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	801,590
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,800,862</u></u>

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8 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - CASH. There is hereby

9 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

10 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

11 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and other costs

12 associated with the state court automation system of the Administrative

13 Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Cash for the fiscal year ending

14 June 30, 2025, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$150,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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26 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES & CLERKS CONTINUING

27 EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the

28 Courts, to be payable from the District Court Judge and District Court Clerk

29 Education Fund, for operating expenses for the purpose of providing

30 continuing education to District Court Judges and District Court Clerks by

31 the Administrative Office of the Courts - District Court Judges & Clerks

32 Continuing Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	



1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$120,000</u></u>

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8 SECTION 15. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL.

9 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -

10 Court Improvement - Federal for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following

11 maximum number of regular employees.

12				Maximum Annual
13				Salary Rate
14				Fiscal Year
15	Item Class		Maximum	
16	No. Code Title		No. of	2024-2025
16	<u>Employees</u>			<u></u>
17	<del>(1) Q047C AOC CIP DATA ANALYST</del>		<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE IT08</del>
18	(2) Q056C AOC CIP PROGRAM MANAGER		<u>1</u>	GRADE GS12
19	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		<u>1</u>	

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21 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There

22 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be

23 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

24 the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the

25 Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement Program - Federal for

26 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

27			FISCAL YEAR
28	ITEM		
29	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2024-2025</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES		\$64,600
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING		21,534
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE		350,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL		150,000
35	(C) PROF. FEES		30,000
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY		0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) DEPENDENCY NEGLECT GRANTS	<u>140,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$756,134</u></u>

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5 SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.

6 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
 7 Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
 8 following maximum number of regular employees.

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10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	No. Code Title	2024-2025
14	(1) Q121C AOC DIRECTOR ACCESS & VISITATION	<u>1</u> GRADE GS07
15	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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17 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.

18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to  
 19 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 20 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 21 Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal  
 22 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$41,340
27	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	17,320
28	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31	(C) PROF. FEES	85,000
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$153,660</u></u>

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36 SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby

1 established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security  
2 Grants for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
3 employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1) Q133C AOC DIR OF SEC & EMER PREPAREDNESS	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS12
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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12 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby  
13 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
14 the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses  
15 and security grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court  
16 Security Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$80,760
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	26,148
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) SECURITY GRANTS	<u>500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$639,908</u></u>

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31 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. There is  
32 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be  
33 payable from the County Juror Reimbursement Fund, for reimbursing Arkansas  
34 counties for the costs of jurors by the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
35 County Juror Reimbursement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
36 following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$850,000</u>

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SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - COURT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Management Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

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SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - USDOT CASE MANAGEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses for the US Department of Transportation Case Management Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - USDOT Case Management for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$484,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

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1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$484,000</u></u>

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4 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - COURT INTERPRETERS. There is hereby

5 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

6 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

7 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses associated with fees from

8 Court Interpreter candidates and interpreter fees ordered by judges for the

9 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
13	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$10,000
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
16	(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

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21 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM. There is hereby

22 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

23 the Specialty Court Program Fund, for costs associated with the Specialty

24 Court Program and providing assistance and support to the Specialty Court

25 Advisory Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(01) SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

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31 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - CASA PROGRAM. There is hereby

32 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

33 the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Fund, for operating

34 expenses and grants to local CASA programs statewide of the Administrative

35 Office of the Courts - CASA Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) CASA PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Drug Court Enhancement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,209,902
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	673,567
(C) PROF. FEES	616,519
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) GRANTS AND AID - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT	<u>599,908</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,099,896</u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - AOC STATEWIDE SOFTWARE LICENSE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for costs associated with software licensing for district and circuit courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Statewide Software License for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$30,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

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6 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

8 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

9 operating expenses associated with the Juvenile Justice Racial and Ethnic

10 Disparities Reform Initiative of the Administrative Office of the Courts -

11 Juvenile Justice Reform for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the

12 following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$353,774
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,914
19	(C) PROF. FEES	632,312
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

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24 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - ACCOUNTABILITY COURT FUND. There is hereby

25 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

26 the Accountability Court Fund, for operating expenses and grants and aid of

27 the Administrative Office of the Courts - Accountability Court Fund for the

28 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32	(01) ACCOUNTABILITY COURT EXPENSES	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

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34 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - ADULT DRUG COURT. There is hereby

35 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from

36 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

1 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid of the  
 2 Administrative Office of the Courts - Adult Drug Court Program for the fiscal  
 3 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
7 (01) ADULT DRUG COURT EXPENSES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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9 *SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - SPECIALTY COURTS. There is hereby*  
 10 *appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from*  
 11 *the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses and grants for*  
 12 *specialty courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal*  
 13 *year ending June 30, 2025, the following:*

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
17 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
19 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20 (C) PROF. FEES	2,800,000
21 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22 (E) DATA PROC.	0
23 (02) GRANTS/AID	<u>1,700,000</u>
24 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,500,000</u>

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26 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 28 FUND TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the  
 29 United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds  
 30 received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community Highway Safety  
 31 Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the Courts and  
 32 deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse expenditures by  
 33 the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses of the  
 34 Continuing Education Program for District Judges as appropriated in the  
 35 District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation herein. The  
 36 appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts provided in the



1 District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation may be expended  
2 only in the event that federal funds have been granted and will be  
3 transferred from the Arkansas State Police to reimburse the Continuing  
4 Education Program for District Judges.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
6 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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8 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

10 DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The  
11 Administrative Office of the Courts shall receive approval from the Chief  
12 Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
13 Committee to transfer funds and appropriations between line items Regular  
14 Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expense, Professional Fees  
15 and Attorney Ad Litem Fees/Reimbursements of the Division of Dependency-  
16 Neglect Representation appropriation herein for the payment of employees  
17 and/or contractors providing legal services for the Division of Dependency-  
18 Neglect Representation.

19 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
20 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
21 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
22 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
23 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
24 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
25 has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more  
26 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of  
27 the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is  
28 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight  
29 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
30 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the  
31 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this  
32 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint  
33 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent  
34 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
36 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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2 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
4 MONTHLY INSTALLMENT. From July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 20, ~~2024~~ 2025, a  
5 lump sum monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of  
6 the annual appropriation provided for in the Division of Dependency-Neglect  
7 Representation appropriation of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made  
8 available, shall be provided from the State Administration of Justice Fund to  
9 the State Central Services Fund to provide a portion of the funds for that  
10 appropriation.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
12 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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14 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
16 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer  
17 of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the  
18 Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized  
19 in Court Automation Appropriation of the Administrative Office of the Courts  
20 in this Act to any other line item authorized in Court Automation  
21 Appropriation.

22 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
23 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
24 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
25 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
26 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
27 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
28 has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more  
29 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of  
30 the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both  
31 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by  
32 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
33 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative  
34 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.  
35 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
36 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,

1 this entire section is void.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023  
3 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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5 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE  
6 ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
7 FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT.

8 (i) After receiving prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
9 Joint Budget Committee if meeting in a Legislative Session, the Director of  
10 the Administrative Office of the Courts may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer  
11 of the State to transfer appropriation to the County Juror Reimbursement  
12 appropriation and State Central Services funding in the same amount to the  
13 County Juror Reimbursement Fund from any State Central Services Fund  
14 appropriation authorized for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

15 (ii) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and funding for a state  
16 agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is  
17 usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s)  
18 for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each  
19 fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law.

20 Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Administrative Office  
21 of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to  
22 the Administrative Office of the Courts authorizing broad powers under this  
23 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General  
24 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative  
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in a Legislative Session, as  
26 provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative  
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.  
28 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
29 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
30 this entire section is void.

31 (iii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
32 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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34 SECTION 38. 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 39. 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 40. 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, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

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29 /s/ Joint Budget Committee  
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