## Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

1	State of Arkansas  As Engrossed: \$4,	/15/24	
2	94th General Assembly  A Bill		
3	Fiscal Session, 2024		SENATE BILL 43
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5	By: Joint Budget Committee		
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7	For An Act To Be F	Entitled	
8	AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION F	OR PERSONAL SERV	VICES
9	AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DE	PARTMENT OF HUMA	AN
10	SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMEN	TAL DISABILITIES	3
11	SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDI	NG JUNE 30, 2025	5;
12	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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15	Subtitle		
16	AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF	F HUMAN	
17	SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL		
18	DISABILITIES SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR		
19	THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.		
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE	STATE OF ARKANSA	AS:
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24	SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATION	S. There is her	reby established
25	for the Department of Human Services - Divisi	on of Developmen	ntal Disabilities
26	Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the f	ollowing maximum	m number of
27	regular employees.		
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29		1	Maximum Annual
30		Maximum	Salary Rate
31	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
32	No. Code Title	Employees	2024-2025
33	(1) N249N DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
34	(2) LOO8N PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	6	GRADE MP07
35	(3) LO11N DENTIST	2	GRADE MP06
36	(4) L017N DHS ALEXANDER CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP05

1	(5)	LO18N 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	69	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)	NO81N 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	r 1	GRADE GS13
17	(21)	N126N DHS DDS SUPT HDC	4	GRADE GS13
18	(22)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
19	(23)	MOOSC DHS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - CONWAY	7 1	GRADE GS11
20	(24)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	23	GRADE GS09
21	(25)	LO40C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS09
22	(26)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
23	(27)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS09
24	(28)	LO21C NURSING HOME ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE GS09
25	(29)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	11	GRADE GS09
26	(30)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
27	(31)	E024C TEACHER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
28	(32)	A116C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
29	(33)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	2	GRADE GS08
30	(34)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	20	GRADE GS08
31	(35)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
32	(36)	L047C MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS08
33	(37)	RO14C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
34	(38)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
35	(39)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
36	(40)	RO24C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	5	GRADE GS07

1	(41)	S008C CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
2	(42)	M043C DDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
3	(43)	A055C DHS INSTITUTION BUSINESS MANAGER	4	GRADE GS07
4	(44)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	49	GRADE GS07
5	(45)	G182C DHS/DDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	33	GRADE GS07
6	(46)	L055C DIETICIAN	1	GRADE GS07
7	(47)	S019C DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE	1	GRADE GS07
8	(48)	E048C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	10	GRADE GS07
9	(49)	E032C EDUCATION COUNSELOR	1	GRADE GS07
10	(50)	M026C LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	3	GRADE GS07
11	(51)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
12	(52)	L061C MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	3	GRADE GS07
13	(53)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	6	GRADE GS07
14	(54)	M024C RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	14	GRADE GS07
15	(55)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
16	(56)	CO37C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE GS06
17	(57)	RO27C BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
18	(58)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	3	GRADE GS06
19	(59)	M057C CHAPLAIN	1	GRADE GS06
20	(60)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS06
21	(61)	E038C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
22	(62)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
23	(63)	RO25C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
24	(64)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	104	GRADE GS06
25	(65)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS06
26	(66)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
27	(67)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	1	GRADE GS06
28	(68)	CO26C RECORDS/INTAKE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
29	(69)	LOGOC REHAB INSTRUCTOR SUPERVISOR	26	GRADE GS06
30	(70)	M098C RESIDENTIAL CARE SHIFT MANAGER	56	GRADE GS06
31	(71)	X094C SERVICES & PROGRAM LICENSING SPEC	2	GRADE GS06
32	(72)	M054C SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER	11	GRADE GS06
33	(73)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
34	(74)	S021C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT SUPV	1	GRADE GS06
35	(75)	CO5OC ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS05
36	(76)	A088C ASSETS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS05

1	(77)	R033C	BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE	GS05
2	(78)	S041C	BOILER OPERATOR	2	GRADE	GS05
3	(79)	V014C	BUYER	2	GRADE	GS05
4	(80)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE	GS05
5	(81)	L070C	HEALTH CARE ANALYST	1	GRADE	GS05
6	(82)	C030C	HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	GS05
7	(83)	D077C	HELP DESK SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	GS05
8	(84)	R032C	HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	3	GRADE	GS05
9	(85)	C054C	LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC	2	GRADE	GS05
10	(86)	V015C	PURCHASING SPECIALIST	3	GRADE	GS05
11	(87)	M065C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE	GS05
12	(88)	L066C	REHABILITATION INSTRUCTOR	120	GRADE	GS05
13	(89)	M004C	RESIDENTIAL OPERATIONS MANAGER	321	GRADE	GS05
14	(90)	S031C	SKILLED TRADESMAN	25	GRADE	GS05
15	(91)	E051C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE	GS05
16	(92)	S030C	WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT OPER	2	GRADE	GS05
17	(93)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	48	GRADE	GS04
18	(94)	S053C	AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	1	GRADE	GS04
19	(95)	S061C	CHDC LAUNDRY OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE	GS04
20	(96)	L081C	DENTAL ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	GS04
21	(97)	L102C	DIETETIC SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	GS04
22	(98)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE	GS04
23	(99)	A102C	FISCAL SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE	GS04
24	(100)	S044C	FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	4	GRADE	GS04
25	(101)	R038C	HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	GS04
26	(102)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	4	GRADE	GS04
27	(103)	S047C	LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE	GS04
28	(104)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE	GS04
29	(105)	C044C	MEDICAL BILLING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	GS04
30	(106)	M063C	RESIDENTIAL CARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	GS04
31	(107)	M073C	RESIDENTIAL CARE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	GS04
32	(108)	V023C	STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE	GS04
33	(109)	L074C	THERAPY ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	GS04
34	(110)	V025C	WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE	GS04
35	(111)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	66	GRADE	GS03
36	(112)	S081C	APPRENTICE TRADESMAN	8	GRADE	GS03

1	(113)	MO84C BEHAV HLTH AIDE	39	GRADE GS03
2	(114)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	812	GRADE GS03
3	(115)	M090C DHS PROGRAM ASSISTANT	40	GRADE GS03
4	(116)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	6	GRADE GS03
5	(117)	S067C HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
6	(118)	S076C INSTITUTIONAL BEAUTICIAN	3	GRADE GS03
7	(119)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS03
8	(120)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS03
9	(121)	CO66C PATIENT ACCOUNT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS03
10	(122)	T087C SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE GS03
11	(123)	CO87C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	32	GRADE GS02
12	(124)	S083C BAKER	4	GRADE GS02
13	(125)	S082C CANTEEN SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS02
14	(126)	S070C EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	17	GRADE GS02
15	(127)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	13	GRADE GS02
16	(128)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	36	GRADE GS02
17	(129)	S088C KITCHEN ASSISTANT	64	GRADE GS02
18	(130)	L075C ORTHOTIST AIDE	4	GRADE GS02
19	(131)	L085C PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE	1	GRADE GS02
20	(132)	MO76C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	4	GRADE GS02
21	(133)	E056C TEACHER ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS02
22	(134)	L084C THERAPY AIDE	1	GRADE GS02
23	(135)	VO28C WAREHOUSE WORKER	3	GRADE GS02
24	(136)	S086C C00K	13	GRADE GS01
25	(137)	S080C EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	1	GRADE GS01
26	(138)	S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	31	GRADE GS01
27	(139)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	88	GRADE GS01
28	(140)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	12	GRADE GS01
29	(141)	V029C PURCHASING ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS01
30		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,503	
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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services for the 2024-2025 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: one hundred ninety-nine (199)

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 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

12	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
13	NO.		2024-2025
14	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$95,599,502
15	(02)	EXTRA HELP	2,860,944
16	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	43,055,342
17	(04)	OVERTIME	4,310,000
18	(05)	EXTRA SALARIES	27,000
19	(06)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	30,477,449
21		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	89,798
22		(C) PROF. FEES	3,211,079
23		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000
24		(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(07)	GRANTS/PATIENT SERVICES	2,487,134
26	(80)	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	1,000,000
27	(09)	VOCATIONAL TRAINEES	239,000
28	(10)	CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT SERVICES	67,191
29	(11)	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	6,805,302
30		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$191,229,741</u>
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SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SPECIAL OLYMPICS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account, for grants to the Arkansas Special Olympics by the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,

1	the following:	
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3	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4	NO.	2024-2025
5	(01) GRANTS-SPECIAL OLYMPICS	<u>\$178,768</u>
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7	SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. There	e is hereby
8	appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be p	ayable from the
9	Developmental Disabilities Services-Dog Track Special Reve	nue Fund, for
10	expenses of the private non-profit community based program	s licensed by the
11	Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental D	isabilities
12	Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the fol	lowing:
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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	NO.	2024-2025
16	(01) COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	\$50,000
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18	SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS-IN-AID. There is	hereby
19	appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be p	ayable from the
20	Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account, for gran	ts-in-aid to the
21	community providers of services to the developmentally dis	abled by the
22	Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental D	isabilities
23	Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the fol	lowing:
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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	NO.	2024-2025
27	(01) GRANTS TO COMMUNITY PROVIDERS	\$15,892,045
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29	SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - INTER-DIVISIONAL PROGRAMS	. There is hereby
30	appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be p	ayable from the
31	Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account, for inte	grated services and
32	programs developed by the various divisions, for services	and programs
33	developed in conjunction with other state agencies, and fo	r the development
34	and implementation of an integrated case management system	for the Department
35	of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities	for the fiscal
36	year ending June 30, 2025, the following:	

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	NO.	2024-2025
4	(01) INTER-DIVISIONAL PROGRAMS	\$108,644
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6	SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is	hereby
7	appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be page	yable from the
8	Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for grant	payments of the
9	Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Di	sabilities for the
10	fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:	
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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	NO.	2024-2025
14	(01) CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES-STATE	\$1,729,279
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16	SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - FEDERAL. There is	s hereby
17	appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be page	yable from the
18	federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of	the State, for
19	federally funded grants of the Department of Human Services	- Division of
20	Developmental Disabilities Services for the fiscal year end	ing June 30, 2025,
21	the following:	
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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	NO.	2024-2025
25	(01) CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES-FEDERAL	\$1,446,205
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27	SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED	INTO THE ARKANSAS
28	CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORA	RY LAW.
29	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - GRANTS TO COMMUNITY BASED PROV	IDERS. Funds
30	allocated for community-based services under the appropriat	ion for (i) the
31	Grants-in-Aid appropriation in this act, (ii) the Grants/Pa	tient Services
32	Line in the Operations appropriation in this act, and (iii)	the Inter-
33	Divisional Programs appropriation in this act, shall be use	d only to provide
34	services through private community based services licensed	or certified by
35	the Arkansas Division of Developmental Disabilities Service	s (DDS) or
36	licensed or certified by a Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Sav	ings Entity

As Engrossed: S4/15/24 SB43

- 1 (PASSE). Non-profit community-based programs licensed by the Division of
- 2 Developmental Disabilities Services are quasi-governmental instrumentalities
- 3 of the state which provide supports and services to individuals who have a
- 4 developmental disability or delay, who would otherwise require supports and
- 5 services through state-operated programs and facilities owned by the State of
- 6 Arkansas. When licensed providers are involved in delivering services which
- 7 are Medicaid reimbursable, they must enroll as a provider with the Arkansas
- 8 Medicaid Program and must bill the Arkansas Medicaid Program for all covered
- 9 services for eligible individuals.
- 10 Services which are covered by the Arkansas State Medicaid Program,
- 11 including the Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) model, will
- 12 be utilized to the maximum extent possible for any individual who is eligible
- 13 for Medicaid coverage. It is the intent of this section that DDS, as a
- 14 general policy, maximize the use of Medicaid funding available for
- 15 appropriate services.
- 16 Licensed private community providers funded from these appropriations for
- 17 community based services shall:
- 18 1. Screen each individual to whom services are provided for a determination
- 19 of eligibility or ineligibility for Medicaid coverage within thirty days of
- 20 the first date that services are provided.
- 21 2. Meet minimum standards of performance in the delivery of services to
- 22 people with disabilities as defined by the Department of Human Services -
- 23 Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.
- 24 3. Supply statistical and financial data to the Department of Human Services
- 25 Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.
- 26 4. Establish and maintain a sound financial management system in accordance
- 27 with guidelines as set forth by the Department of Human Services.
- 28 5. Establish and maintain community support programs designed to provide
- 29 coordinated care and treatment to ensure ongoing involvement and
- 30 individualized services for persons with disabilities.
- 31 It is the intent of this section to insure that wherever possible and
- 32 appropriate, Medicaid funds are utilized.
- Nothing in this Act shall prevent the Division or any provider from
- 34 extending emergency services when appropriate measures have been taken in a
- 35 timely manner to secure Medicaid eligibility.
- The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023

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1 <u>2024</u> through June 30, <del>2024</del> <u>2025</u>.

3 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

5 ELIMINATION OF AUTISM WAIVER SERVICES WAITING LIST. Immediately upon the

6 effective date of this Act, the Department of Human Services - Division of

7 Developmental Disabilities Services shall budget, allocate, and expend up to

one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the elimination of the Autism Waiver

9 Services Program waiting list.

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

SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

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     the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
     effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
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     upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
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     programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
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     being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
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     and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.
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                                /s/Joint Budget Committee
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