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4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 70

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 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
10 OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
11 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF  
15 THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-  
16 2024 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024
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	1	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	46	

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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 2023-2024 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, 2024, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,315,182
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,076,012
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	544,627
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>\$6,104,671</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 2023-2024 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>2023-2024</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 2024, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$184,950
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	63,291
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>\$355,359</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 2024, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</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, 2024, the  
 3 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</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, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</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 2023-2024  
 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>2023-2024</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, 2024, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,181,376
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	995,386
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><u>\$8,305,842</u></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 2023-2024 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>2023-2024</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, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,369,504
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,072,945
(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>\$7,769,039</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, 2024, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</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, 2024, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</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 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following

11 maximum number of regular employees.

12			Maximum Annual
13		Maximum	Salary Rate
14		No. of	Fiscal Year
15	Item Class	Employees	2023-2024
16	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
17	(1) Q047C AOC CIP DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT08
18	(2) Q056C AOC CIP PROGRAM MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS12
19	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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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, 2024, the following:

27		FISCAL YEAR
28	ITEM	2023-2024
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$154,127
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	49,278
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	350,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
35	(C) PROF. FEES	230,000
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	<u>200,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,033,405</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 2023-2024 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	2023-2024
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, 2024, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$41,140
27	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	16,567
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>\$152,707</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 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
 3 employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(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, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$80,560
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	25,443
(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>250,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$389,003</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, 2024, the  
 36 following:

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2 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
4 (01) COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$850,000</u>

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6 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - COURT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 7 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 8 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 9 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative  
 10 Office of the Courts - Court Management Program for the fiscal year ending  
 11 June 30, 2024, the following:

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13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
17 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
18 (C) PROF. FEES	0
19 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

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23 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. There is hereby  
 24 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 25 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 26 operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic  
 27 Violence 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) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$12,660
33 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
34 (C) PROF. FEES	0
35 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$15,160

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3 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - USDOT CASE MANAGEMENT. There is hereby  
 4 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 5 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 6 operating expenses for the US Department of Transportation Case Management  
 7 Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - USDOT Case Management  
 8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
12 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$484,000
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
15 (C) PROF. FEES	0
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$484,000</u>

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20 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - COURT INTERPRETERS. There is hereby  
 21 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 22 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 23 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses associated with fees from  
 24 Court Interpreter candidates and interpreter fees ordered by judges for the  
 25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
29 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$10,000
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32 (C) PROF. FEES	15,000
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

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SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Specialty Court Program Fund, for costs associated with the Specialty Court Program and providing assistance and support to the Specialty Court Advisory Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM	<u>\$300,000</u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - CASA PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Fund, for operating expenses and grants to local CASA programs statewide of the Administrative Office of the Courts - CASA Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) CASA PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 28. 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, 2024, the following:

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

1	(02) GRANTS AND AID - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT	<u>599,908</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,099,896</u></u>

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4 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - AOC STATEWIDE SOFTWARE LICENSE. There is  
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be  
 6 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by  
 7 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for costs associated with software  
 8 licensing for district and circuit courts of the Administrative Office of the  
 9 Courts - Statewide Software License for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,  
 10 the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
14	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$30,000
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17	(C) PROF. FEES	0
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

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22 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM. There is hereby  
 23 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
 24 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 25 operating expenses associated with the Juvenile Justice Racial and Ethnic  
 26 Disparities Reform Initiative of the Administrative Office of the Courts -  
 27 Juvenile Justice Reform for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the  
 28 following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
32	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$353,774
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,914
35	(C) PROF. FEES	632,312
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

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

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4 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - ACCOUNTABILITY COURT FUND. There is hereby  
5 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
6 the Accountability Court Fund, for operating expenses and grants and aid of  
7 the Administrative Office of the Courts - Accountability Court Fund for the  
8 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
12	(01) ACCOUNTABILITY COURT EXPENSES	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

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14 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - ADULT DRUG COURT. There is hereby  
15 appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from  
16 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
17 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid of the  
18 Administrative Office of the Courts - Adult Drug Court Program for the fiscal  
19 year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
23	(01) ADULT DRUG COURT EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

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



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

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 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 9,  
8 Chapter 27, Subchapter 4, is amended to codify special language in  
9 appropriation acts and to add an additional section to read as follows:

10 9-27-403. Dependency neglect attorney contracts.

11 (a) The Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation may enter into a  
12 professional services contract with a qualified attorney who:

13 (1) Has previously been employed as an attorney by the state  
14 before being appointed to provide representation in dependency-neglect cases  
15 by a circuit court; or

16 (2)(A) Is serving as a part-time public defender or other part-  
17 time state employee employed as an attorney when the part-time public  
18 defender or other part-time state employee employed as an attorney has been  
19 appointed to provide dependency-neglect services by a circuit court.

20 (B) The part-time public defender or other part-time state  
21 employee employed as an attorney is eligible for additional compensation that  
22 shall not be construed as exceeding the line item maximum for the grade of  
23 the part-time public defender's or other part-time state employee's position  
24 when the division reimburses the part-time public defender or other part-time  
25 state employee employed as an attorney for dependency-neglect representation  
26 services performed.

27 (b) This section does not prevent the division from otherwise  
28 contracting with any qualified attorney in the state for dependency-neglect  
29 cases.

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31 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
33 DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The  
34 Administrative Office of the Courts shall receive approval from the Chief  
35 Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
36 Committee to transfer funds and appropriations between line items Regular

1 Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expense, Professional Fees  
 2 and Attorney Ad Litem Fees/Reimbursements of the Division of Dependency-  
 3 Neglect Representation appropriation herein for the payment of employees  
 4 and/or contractors providing legal services for the Division of Dependency-  
 5 Neglect Representation.

6 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
 7 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
 8 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
 9 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
 10 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
 11 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
 12 has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more  
 13 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of  
 14 the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is  
 15 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight  
 16 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
 17 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the  
 18 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this  
 19 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint  
 20 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent  
 21 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
 23 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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 25 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 9,  
 26 Chapter 27, Subchapter 4, is amended to codify special language in  
 27 appropriation acts and to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 9-27-403. Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation funding.

29 The Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer funds as  
 30 needed from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central  
 31 Services Fund in amounts as are required to reimburse the State Central  
 32 Services Fund for a portion of the expenses of the Division of Dependency-  
 33 Neglect Representation.

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 35 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 16,  
 36 Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, is amended to codify special language in

1 appropriation acts and to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 16-17-139. District Court automation funding.

3 (a) The operating expenses of the District Court State Automation  
 4 System may be funded through funds received by the Division of Arkansas State  
 5 Police from the Department of Transportation from the safety incentive funds  
 6 received under 26 U.S.C. § 163, as it existed on January 1, 2023.

7 (b) The funds may be transferred to the Administrative Office of the  
 8 Courts as directed by the division.

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 10 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

12 MONTHLY INSTALLMENT. From July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024, a  
 13 lump sum monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of  
 14 the annual appropriation provided for in the Division of Dependency-Neglect  
 15 Representation appropriation of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made  
 16 available, shall be provided from the State Administration of Justice Fund to  
 17 the State Central Services Fund to provide a portion of the funds for that  
 18 appropriation.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
 20 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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 22 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

24 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 25 of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the  
 26 Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized  
 27 in Court Automation Appropriation of the Administrative Office of the Courts  
 28 in this Act to any other line item authorized in Court Automation  
 29 Appropriation.

30 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
 31 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
 32 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
 33 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
 34 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
 35 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
 36 has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more

1 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of  
2 the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both  
3 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by  
4 requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
5 as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative  
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section.  
7 If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
8 Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
9 this entire section is void.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
11 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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13 SECTION 40. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
14 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
15 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
16 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
19 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
20 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
21 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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23 SECTION 41. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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32 SECTION 42. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
33 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
34 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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