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SENATE BILL 155

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-
2016 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(1)	Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N914
(2)	Q008N	AOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N912
(3)	Q009C	AOC MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE C129
(4)	Q018C	AOC CASE MANAGEMENT BUSINESS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
(5)	Q219C	AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
(6)	Q014C	AOC DRUG COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C128
(7)	Q019C	AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE C128



(8)	Q050C	AOC COORDINATOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE	1	GRADE C124
(9)	Q048C	AOC PROGRAMMER	2	GRADE C124
(10)	Q058C	AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C123
(11)	Q057C	AOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE C123
(12)	Q069C	AOC CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122
(13)	Q071C	AOC FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C122
(14)	Q070C	AOC REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE C122
(15)	Q104C	AOC PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE C121
(16)	Q082C	AOC INTERPRETER SC:L	1	GRADE C120
(17)	Q081C	AOC SPANISH INTERPRETER	3	GRADE C120
(18)	Q088C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C119
(19)	Q089C	AOC OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE C119
(20)	Q102C	AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C118
(21)	Q105C	AOC RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE C118
(22)	Q114C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
(23)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>5</u>	GRADE C117
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	40	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2015-2016 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: two (2) 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 Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	<i>\$2,178,089</i>

(02)	EXTRA HELP	5,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	703,609
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	334,265
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	45,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	FEDERAL GRANTS MATCHING	25,000
(06)	JUDICIAL EDUCATION	260,000
(07)	COURT INTERPRETER FEES	<u>424,350</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,169,813</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute Resolution Commission for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2015-2016
(1)	Q020C	AOC ADR PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C128
(2)	Q132C	AOC ADR TRAINING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C118
(3)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE C117
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute Resolution Commission - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>

(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$131,687
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,751
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	35,514
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	31,604
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04)	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANTS	<u>25,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$284,556</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - CASH. 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, fees and services of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$125,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	120,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$275,000</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HEARING AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for reasonable accommodations for persons with hearing and visual impairments to act as a venire person or juror for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) AUXILIARY AIDS-HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES CONTINUING EDUCATION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for a continuing education program for District Judges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$55,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$80,000</u>

SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the 2015-2016 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>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(1)	Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	2	GRADE C128
(2)	Q029C AOC AD LITEM ATTORNEY	34	GRADE C127
(3)	Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE C120
(4)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE C117
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	38	

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be transferred from the State Administration of Justice Fund, and to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,606,838
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	797,871
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	466,514
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,405,816
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	1,500,000
(05) PARENT COUNSEL REIMBURSEMENTS	2,500,231
(06) ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>349,750</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,637,020</u></u>

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
No. Code Title		
(1) Q012N AOC CIS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N911
(2) N187N CIS DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N910
(3) Q015N AOC SOFTWARE MANAGER	1	GRADE N909
(4) Q062N AOC HARDWARE MANAGER	1	GRADE N907

(5)	Q005C	AOC DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE C130
(6)	Q017C	AOC CONTEXTE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
(7)	Q016C	AOC PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
(8)	Q028C	AOC HELP DESK MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
(9)	Q140C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER LEAD	1	GRADE C127
(10)	Q135C	AOC BUSINESS ANALYST	3	GRADE C124
(11)	Q136C	AOC INFO SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE C124
(12)	Q139C	AOC IT SECURITY ANALYST	1	GRADE C124
(13)	Q048C	AOC PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE C124
(14)	Q138C	AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE LEAD	1	GRADE C124
(15)	Q142C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	3	GRADE C124
(16)	Q049C	AOC TECHNICAL ANALYST	3	GRADE C124
(17)	Q068C	AOC FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE C122
(18)	Q190C	AOC PROJECT MANAGER	3	GRADE C122
(19)	Q137C	AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C122
(20)	Q134C	AOC TRAINER	2	GRADE C122
(21)	Q191C	AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE C120
(22)	Q189C	AOC PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE C120
(23)	Q143C	AOC TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
(24)	Q101C	AOC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE C118
(25)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE C117
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	42	

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, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,254,679
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	735,092
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,000,000

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,064,771</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - CASH. 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 and other costs associated with the state court automation system by the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$150,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES AND CLERKS CONTINUING EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the District Court Judge and District Court Clerk Education Fund, for operating expenses for the purpose of providing continuing education to District Court Judges and District Court Clerks by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$120,000</u></u>

SECTION 15. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL.
There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement Program for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(1)	Q047C	AOC CIP DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE C124
(2)	Q056C	AOC CIP PROGRAM MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE C123
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. 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 personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$122,442
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	38,561
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	350,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	150,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0

(04) COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,141,003</u></u>

SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access and Visitation Mediation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No. Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
No. Code Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
No. Code Title	Employees	2015-2016
(1) Q121C AOC DIRECTOR ACCESS & VISITATION	<u>1</u>	GRADE C115
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS AND VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL. 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 personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access and Visitation Mediation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$31,488
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,364
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	85,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$138,852</u></u>

SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security

Grants for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(1)	Q133C	AOC DIR OF SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREP	<u>1</u>	GRADE C125
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and security grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$60,205
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	19,043
(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>\$362,248</u></u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the County Juror Reimbursement Fund, for reimbursing Arkansas counties for the costs of jurors by the Administrative Office of the Courts - County Juror Reimbursement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$850,000</u>

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, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$15,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,000</u>

SECTION 23. REGULAR SALARIES - STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic Violence for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		No. of	Fiscal Year
		Employees	2015-2016
(1)	Q019C	AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	<u>1</u>
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1
			GRADE C128

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. 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

personal services of the Stop Domestic Violence Research Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$55,707
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>17,997</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$73,704</u></u>

SECTION 25. REGULAR SALARIES - HOPE GRANT. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - HOPE Grant for the 2015-2016 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>2015-2016</u>
(1)	Q189C AOC PROJECT ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C120
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - HOPE GRANT. 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 personal services, operating expenses and grants for the Honest Opportunity Probation with Enforcement Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - HOPE Grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$41,208
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,624
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	49,420
(C) PROF. FEES	0

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) HOPE GRANTS	<u>582,474</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$687,726</u></u>

SECTION 27. REGULAR SALARIES - YOUTH ADVOCACY. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Youth Advocacy for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	No. of	Salary Rate
			Fiscal Year
			2015-2016
(1)	P065C	DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u> GRADE C119
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - YOUTH ADVOCACY. 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 personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Youth Advocacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$35,554
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	13,310
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
(C) PROF. FEES	20,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$86,364</u></u>

SECTION 29. REGULAR SALARIES - FOSTER FUTURES TRAINING. There is

hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Foster Futures Training for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2015-2016
(1)	E031C	EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE C119
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - FOSTERS FUTURES TRAINING. 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 personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Foster Futures Training for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2015-2016
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$35,554
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	13,310
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
	(C) PROF. FEES	20,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$86,364</u>

SECTION 31. 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, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$484,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$484,000</u></u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - COURT INTERPRETERS. 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 associated with fees from Court Interpreter candidates and interpreter fees ordered by judges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT CAPACITY BUILDING. 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 of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Drug Court Capacity Building for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$29,900
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	95,080
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	18,624
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) DRUG COURT GRANTS	<u>301,464</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$445,068</u></u>

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN COURT TRAINING & IMPROVEMENT. 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 of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Violence Against Women Court Training & Improvement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$37,750
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	12,250
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,000</u></u>

SECTION 35. 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, 2016, the following:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community Highway Safety Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the Courts and deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse expenditures by the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses of the Continuing Education Program for District Judges as appropriated in Section 8 herein. The appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts provided in Section 8 may be expended only in the event that federal funds have been granted and will be transferred from the Arkansas State Police to reimburse the Continuing Education Program for District Judges.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CONTRACTING WITH STATE ATTORNEYS ~~PUBLIC DEFENDERS~~. The Administrative Office of the Courts Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation shall have the authority to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with any qualified attorney who at any time previously served as a State Attorney and was paid by the State as a state employee prior to being appointed to provide representation in the dependency-neglect cases by a Circuit Judge. In addition, the Division shall have the authority to enter into a professional services contract with a qualified person who is serving as a part-time Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney and paid as an employee of the State of Arkansas when the Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney has been appointed to provide Dependency-Neglect Services by a Circuit Judge. The part-time Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney shall be eligible for additional compensation which shall not be construed as exceeding the line item maximum for the grade of that position when the Administrative Office of the Courts reimburses the part-time Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney for Dependency-Neglect Representation services performed. This does not prevent the Administrative

Office of the Courts from contracting with any qualified attorney in the state.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall receive approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to transfer funds and appropriations between Item Numbers (01), (02), (03) (A) and (C) and (06) of Section 10 herein for the payment of employees and/or contractors providing legal services for the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation.

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer

funds, from time to time, from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund in such amounts as are required to reimburse the State Central Services Fund for a portion of the expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING. Funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the Department of Transportation from the safety incentive funds received under P.L. 105-178, title I, Section 1404(a), 23 USC Section 163 for "Safety Incentives to Prevent Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons" may be transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts as directed by the Arkansas State Police for operating expenses of the District Court State Automation System.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MONTHLY INSTALLMENT. From July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 20, ~~2015~~ 2016, a lump sum monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of the annual appropriation provided for in Section 10 of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made available, shall be provided from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund to provide a portion of the funds for that appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDIGENT PARENT COUNSEL REPRESENTATION. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall have the authority to use the appropriation provided in Item Number (05) Parent Counsel Reimbursements of Section 10 herein for the purpose of

entering into professional service contracts on a full-time or part-time basis with attorneys who are qualified to provide counsel for indigent parents in dependency-neglect cases ~~involving the termination of parental rights.~~

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation of the Administrative Office of the Courts in this Act to any other line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation.

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 44. 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 45. 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 46. 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, 2015 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 04/02/2015