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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 151

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,  
2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF  
THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-  
2018 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 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>		<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
			<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
				<i>2017-2018</i>
(1)	Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	Q008N	AOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(3)	Q009C	AOC MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS13
(4)	Q019C	AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS12
(5)	Q050C	AOC COORDINATOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE	1	GRADE GS11
(6)	Q071C	AOC FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS11
(7)	Q014C	AOC DRUG COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10



(8)	Q058C	AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
(9)	Q104C	AOC PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
(10)	Q069C	AOC CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(11)	Q057C	AOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS08
(12)	Q081C	AOC SPANISH INTERPRETER	3	GRADE GS08
(13)	Q089C	AOC OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(14)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS06
(15)	Q102C	AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(16)	Q105C	AOC RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(17)	A090C	PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(18)	Q088C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
(19)	Q018C	AOC CASE MANAGEMENT BUSINESS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT06
(20)	Q114C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST II	1	GRADE IT06
(21)	Q219C	AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT06
(22)	Q048C	AOC PROGRAMMER	2	GRADE IT06
(23)	Q070C	AOC REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE IT05
(24)	Q082C	AOC INTERPRETER SC:L	1	GRADE IT04
(25)	Q249C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST I	<u>1</u>	GRADE IT03
		<i>MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES</i>	41	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2017-2018 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, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,529,065
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	801,536
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	334,265
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
(C) PROF. FEES	45,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FEDERAL GRANTS MATCHING	20,000
(06) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	260,000
(07) COURT INTERPRETER FEES	<u>439,350</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,633,716</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 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

<i>Item Class</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No. Code Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
<i>No. Code Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>No. Code Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
(1) Q020C AOC ADR PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
(2) Q132C AOC ADR TRAINING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
(3) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
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, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$134,528
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,671
(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>\$287,317</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, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2017-2018
(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 & 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, 2018, the

following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</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, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$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 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item Class</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No. Code Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
		<u>2017-2018</u>
(1) Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS12
(2) Q029C AOC AD LITEM ATTORNEY	34	GRADE GS11
(4) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS06
(3) Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IT04

MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES

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, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,525,688
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	765,104
(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	1,750,000
(05) ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>356,750</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,279,872</u>

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item Class</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No. Code Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
		<u>2017-2018</u>
(1) Q012N AOC CIS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT11
(2) Q015N AOC SOFTWARE MANAGER	1	GRADE IT11
(3) N187N CIS DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT10

(4)	Q062N	AOC HARDWARE MANAGER	1	GRADE IT10
(5)	Q017C	AOC CONTEXTE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(6)	Q016C	AOC PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(7)	Q005C	AOC DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT08
(8)	Q028C	AOC HELP DESK MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(9)	Q140C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER LEAD	1	GRADE IT08
(10)	Q136C	AOC INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT07
(11)	Q139C	AOC IT SECURITY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(12)	Q190C	AOC PROJECT MANAGER II	2	GRADE IT06
(13)	Q048C	AOC PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE IT06
(14)	Q142C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	3	GRADE IT06
(15)	Q049C	AOC TECHNICAL ANALYST	3	GRADE IT06
(16)	Q101C	AOC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT06
(17)	Q135C	AOC BUSINESS ANALYST	3	GRADE IT05
(18)	Q143C	AOC TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT05
(19)	Q191C	AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
(20)	Q250C	AOC PROJECT MANAGER I	1	GRADE IT04
(21)	Q189C	AOC PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT04
(22)	Q138C	AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE LEAD	1	GRADE GS10
(23)	Q068C	AOC FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS09
(24)	Q137C	AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(25)	Q134C	AOC TRAINER	2	GRADE GS09
(26)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
		<i>MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES</i>	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, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,439,372
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	770,702

(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>\$6,285,074</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, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(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 & 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 - District Court Judges & Clerks Continuing Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>

(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 - Federal for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018
(1) Q047C AOC CIP DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE <i>IT06</i>
(2) Q056C AOC CIP PROGRAM MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE <i>GS10</i>
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, operating expenses and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$122,614
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	37,926
(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>\$1,140,540</u></u>

SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.  
 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018
(1)	Q121C	AOC DIRECTOR ACCESS & VISITATION	<u>1</u>	GRADE <i>GS05</i>
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS & 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 & Visitation Mediation- Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$31,805
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,264
(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>\$139,069</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 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018
(1)	Q133C	AOC DIR OF SEC & EMER PREPAREDNESS	<u>1</u>	GRADE <i>GS10</i>
		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, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$60,808
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,849
(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>\$362,657</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, 2018, the

following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</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, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

SECTION 23. REGULAR SALARIES - STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic Violence for the 2017-2018 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>2017-2018</u>
(1)	Q251C AOC STAFF ATTORNEY	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS09
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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 and operating expenses of the Stop Domestic Violence Research Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$60,548
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,790
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,660
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$94,498</u></u>

SECTION 25. 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, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(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 26. 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, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(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 27. 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, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$29,900
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	95,080
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) DRUG COURT GRANTS	<u>301,464</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$426,444</u></u>

SECTION 28. 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, 2018, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2017-2018</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 29. 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, 2018, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2017-2018</u>
(01) SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE DRUG COURT DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. 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 other associated costs of developing and implementing a statewide case and data management system for Juvenile Drug Courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Juvenile Drug Court Data Management System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$400,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

*SECTION 31. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE AWARENESS & RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN - CASA. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - State Awareness & Recruitment Campaign - CASA for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

<i>Item Class</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No. Code Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
<i>No. Code Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>No. Code Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
(1) P065C AOC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS07
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - STATE AWARENESS & RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN - CASA. 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 and other costs of implementing a statewide awareness and volunteer recruitment campaign for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Administrative Office of the Courts - State Awareness & Recruitment Campaign - CASA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$35,554
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	8,220
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	17,722
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>13,504</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$75,000</u></u>

SECTION 33. 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 by the Administrative Office of the Courts - CASA Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) CASA PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000</u>

*SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and parent counsel refunds/reimbursements of the Commission for Parent Counsel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:*

<i>ITEM NO.</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018</i>
<i>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</i>	<i>\$155,000</i>
<i>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	<i>45,000</i>
<i>(03) PARENT COUNSEL REIMBURSEMENTS</i>	<u><i>2,500,231</i></u>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><u><i>\$2,700,231</i></u></u>

*SECTION 35. REGULAR SALARIES - COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Commission for Parent Counsel for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual Salary Rate</i>
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<i>Item Class</i>		<i>No. of</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>2017-2018</i>
(1)	Q252C EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PARENT COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
(2)	Q253C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT PARENT COUNSEL	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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 the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation herein. The appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts provided in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation 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, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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. 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, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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 line items Regular Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expense, Professional Fees and Attorney Ad Litem Fees/Reimbursements of the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation appropriation 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, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018, a lump sum monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of the annual appropriation provided for in the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation appropriation 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, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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 line item Parent Counsel Reimbursements of the Parent Counsel Program appropriation 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.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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, 2017 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, 2017 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, 2017.

*/s/Joint Budget Committee*

**APPROVED: 04/03/2017**