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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC  
DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
30, 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER  
COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-  
2019 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - State Operations for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2018-2019
(1)	U082U	PUBLIC DEF COMM EXEC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	G012N	PUBLIC DEFENDER III	4	GRADE GS13
(3)	G022N	PUBLIC DEFENDER II	5	GRADE GS12
(4)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(5)	X056C	CAPITAL CONFLICTS INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS07
(6)	G146C	MITIGATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS07



(7)	G179C	LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(8)	G122C	PUBLIC DEFENDER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
(9)	C012C	PUBLIC DEFENDER SUPPORT SVCS SPECIAL	1	GRADE GS05
(10)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	19	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - State Operations for the 2018-2019 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: three (3) 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,271,474
(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	387,618
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	247,648
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,690
(C) PROF. FEES	925,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,863,430</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - TRIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - Trial Public

Defender Office for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2018-2019
(1)	D039C	NETWORK SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT06
(2)	G008N	CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER	8	GRADE GS14
(3)	G012N	PUBLIC DEFENDER III	41	GRADE GS13
(4)	G022N	PUBLIC DEFENDER II	8	GRADE GS12
(5)	G025N	PUBLIC DEFENDER I	53	GRADE GS11
(6)	G263C	PUBLIC DEFENDER	3	GRADE GS10
(7)	G065C	PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEY I	50	GRADE GS10
(8)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(9)	G092C	PUBLIC DEFENDER PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(10)	X056C	CAPITAL CONFLICTS INVESTIGATOR	6	GRADE GS07
(11)	G146C	MITIGATION SPECIALIST	12	GRADE GS07
(12)	G242C	DRUG COURT CASE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
(13)	G179C	LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	10	GRADE GS06
(14)	G194C	PUBLIC DEFENDER INTERPRETER	2	GRADE GS06
(15)	X063C	PUBLIC DEFENDER INVESTIGATOR	5	GRADE GS06
(16)	G122C	PUBLIC DEFENDER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
(17)	C012C	PUBLIC DEFENDER SUPT SVCS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(18)	C046C	LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>48</u>	GRADE GS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	252	

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - TRIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - Trial Public Defender Office for the 2018-2019 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: three (3) 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 6. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - Trial Public Defender Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$15,620,905
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,845,328
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	641,256
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	34,000
(C) PROF. FEES	750,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION PROGRAMS	770,000
(06) BAIL BOND COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$22,976,489</u></u>

SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission - Ombudsman Program for the 2018-2019 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	2018-2019
(1)	G108C	PUBLIC DEF OMBUDSMAN COORDINATOR	GRADE GS08
		<u>1</u>	
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services of the Arkansas Public

Defender Commission - Ombudsman Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$69,059
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>20,841</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$89,900</u></u>

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEE GENERATION AND SUPPORT - COURTS. Unless specified otherwise in Arkansas Code §5-4-303(g) and Arkansas Code 16-87-213 the monies collected by the courts under the authority of §5-4-303(g) and 16-87-213 shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Central Services Fund.

In the event that the law requires that the fees levied under §5-4-303(g) be deposited into the State Administration of Justice Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer the amount of the fees collected each month under the authority of Arkansas Code §5-4-303(g) from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FEE GENERATION AND SUPPORT - BAIL BOND FEES. Unless specified otherwise in Arkansas Code §17-19-301(e) the monies collected by each bail bond company under the authority of §17-19-301(e) shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Defender User Fees Fund within the State Central Services Fund.

Of the fee collected by each licensed professional bail bond company, three dollars (\$3.00) shall be transferred to the various Counties for the sole purpose of defraying the operating expenses of the local public defenders' office. The remaining monies collected shall be used to defray operating expenses of the Commission.

On a quarterly basis, from the Bail Bond-County Public Defender line item,

the Commission shall remit to each County its portion of the three dollars (\$3.00) per bail bond fee collected based upon the formula used for state aid for counties. This formula is as follows: 75% of the money is distributed equally to all 75 Counties and the remaining 25% is distributed per capita.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. If the Public Defender Commission should determine that the appropriations made available for payments to the Counties are insufficient, appropriation may be transferred from the Public Defender Commission Program line item to the Bail Bond-County Public Defender line item, after receiving approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DUTIES OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT APPEALS ATTORNEY. The Public Defender Commission shall utilize Dependency-Neglect Appeals Attorneys exclusively to write appeals in dependency-neglect cases.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC DEFENDERS. (a) No funds appropriated herein shall be used for expenses in cases where a defendant is represented by retained counsel where retained counsel have not gone through the Public Defender Commission's attorney certification procedure and designation process as established by state law and the Commission's regulations. All defendants and retained attorneys must strictly adhere to the procedure established by the Commission to equitably and responsibly monitor and distribute State funds for this purpose.

(b) The Public Defender Commission may approve exemptions to subsection (a) as needed. Reasons for granting exemption should be specified in writing.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROVIDING PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AGREEMENT. The Public Defender Commission shall have the authority to enter into a professional services agreement with a person who is serving as a public defender or employed as an attorney with a state agency when the employee has been appointed to provide defense representation services by a judge. The total of the professional services contract and the attorney's salary cannot exceed twenty-five percent (25%) above the maximum of the pay grade of the employee's position.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 15. 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 16. 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 17. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1, 2018.

**APPROVED: 2/23/18**