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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 52

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE 2023-2024 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 Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year
				2023-2024
(1)	N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
(3)	G056C	DHS/DCC ASST DIR OPS & PROG SUPV	3	GRADE GS13
(4)	E013C	EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10



(5)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	6	GRADE GS09
(6)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
(7)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	15	GRADE GS08
(8)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS08
(9)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(10)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	22	GRADE GS07
(11)	X125C FRAUD INVESTIGATOR COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
(12)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(13)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	1	GRADE GS07
(14)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(15)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
(16)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	1	GRADE GS06
(17)	M053C CHILD CARE SERVICE SPECIALIST	41	GRADE GS06
(18)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
(19)	E038C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(20)	M051C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER	8	GRADE GS06
(21)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(22)	G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
(23)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	43	GRADE GS06
(24)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	2	GRADE GS06
(25)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(26)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
(27)	V012C FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
(28)	E051C STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(29)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	6	GRADE GS04
(30)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	184	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education for the 2023-2024 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: thirteen (13) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,507,709
(02) EXTRA HELP	208,497
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,327,514
(04) OVERTIME	4,850
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,253,102
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	96,871
(C) PROF. FEES	11,946,304
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>2,306,047</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$33,650,894</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) CHILD CARE DEV DISCRETIONARY	\$90,445,681
(02) CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM	<u>73,212,033</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$163,657,714</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CHILD CARE GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) CHILD CARE GRANT/AIDS	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

*SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the federal funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants for the Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:*

<i>ITEM <u>NO.</u></i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u></i>
<i>(01) PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING &amp; GRANTS</i>	<i><u>\$53,000,000</u></i>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LOAN GUARANTEES AND GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for loan guarantees and grants of the Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) LOAN GUARANTEE/GRANTS	<u>\$36,786</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION AND SALVAGE CONTAINER - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, 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 Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education - Commodity Distribution and Salvage Container - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$130,186
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,490
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$139,676</u></u>

SECTION 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023.

*/s/Joint Budget Committee*

**APPROVED: 4/13/23**