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SENATE BILL 35

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 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 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 Children and Family Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	N016N	DHS DEP DIR ADMINISTRATIVE SVCS	1	GRADE GS15
(3)	N134N	DHS/DCFS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	4	GRADE GS14



(4)	N121N DHS/DCFS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS14
(5)	G101C DHS AREA MANAGER	10	GRADE GS12
(6)	G027N DHS RESEARCH ANALYSIS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(7)	G100C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR III	2	GRADE GS10
(8)	E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(9)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	19	GRADE GS09
(10)	M011C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER COUNTY SUPV	29	GRADE GS09
(11)	M016C DHS FIELD MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(12)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	6	GRADE GS08
(13)	M010C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER CLINICAL SPEC	26	GRADE GS08
(14)	M015C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER SUPERVISOR	162	GRADE GS08
(15)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
(16)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(17)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(18)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	11	GRADE GS07
(19)	G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	2	GRADE GS07
(20)	M027C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER SPECIALIST	670	GRADE GS07
(21)	M040C FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(22)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS07
(23)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	16	GRADE GS06
(24)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
(25)	M051C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER	40	GRADE GS06
(26)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
(27)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	10	GRADE GS05
(28)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	26	GRADE GS04
(29)	L078C FAMILY SERVICES ASSISTANT	6	GRADE GS04
(30)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(31)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
(32)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS03
(33)	M090C DHS PROGRAM ASSISTANT	338	GRADE GS03
(34)	C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	<u>17</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,420	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services for the 2025-2026 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: sixty-five (65) 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 Children and Family Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$62,586,466
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,231,570
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	27,002,960
(04) OVERTIME	5,061,305
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	17,191,660
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	39,011
(C) PROF. FEES	33,236,462
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>1,595,570</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$147,945,004</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Children and Family Services Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services - Grants - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
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(01) FOSTER CARE	\$54,006,830
(02) STATE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT	<u>10,647,249</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$64,654,079</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TANF - FOSTER CARE. 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 Children and Family Services - TANF - Foster Care for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) FOSTER CARE	<u>\$102,907,999</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Children's Trust Fund, for operating expenses and grants or loans for the development or operation of child abuse prevention programs of the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services - Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$17,770
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION	
GRANT AND AID/LOANS	<u>197,029</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$214,799</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - SAFE HARBOR GRANTS. There is hereby

appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Safe Harbor Fund for Sexually Exploited Children, for grants to Children’s Advocacy Centers statewide for services and treatment for sexually exploited children by the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services - Safe Harbor Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) SAFE HARBOR GRANTS	<u>\$50,000</u>

SECTION 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

APPROVED: 4/18/25