



**SB21**

**GL #9**

**STATE OF ARKANSAS  
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS  
GOVERNOR**

March 18, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

| Item No. | Class Code | Title                            | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027 |
|----------|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| (2)      | SSP03C     | DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR       | <del>2</del> 3           | GRADE SPC09                                      |
| (48)     | PPE02P     | PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I | <del>7</del> 8           | GRADE SGS05                                      |
|          |            | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES            | <del>1,179</del> 1,181   |  |

The above request is necessary to incorporate position transfers that were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in the first Reallocation of Resource Request of Fiscal Year 2026.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

| Item<br>No.                     |                      | Fiscal Year<br>2026-2027 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$58,500,595         | \$58,680,049             |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 24,693,332           | 24,750,860               |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u>\$148,545,191</u> | <u>\$148,782,173</u>     |

This request provides for the reallocated position changes and reflects appropriation accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor of Arkansas