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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 199

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 STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND 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 Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the Blind 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)	N125N	DHS DEP DIR SVCS FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE N904
(2)	G021C	DHS/DSB ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C127
(3)	G099C	DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C122
(4)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121



(5)	R019C	BUDGET MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
(6)	L037C	REHAB AREA MANAGER	2	GRADE C120
(7)	G121C	REHAB PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE C120
(8)	L098C	CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	28	GRADE C119
(9)	X062C	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
(10)	E039C	DHS/DSB TEACHER FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE C118
(11)	G163C	REHAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C118
(12)	G178C	POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
(13)	L051C	REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	3	GRADE C117
(14)	E040C	STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C117
(15)	M032C	VOCATIONAL REHAB PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C117
(16)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
(17)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE C115
(18)	C043C	RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE C113
(19)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE C112
(20)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C112
(21)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>13</u>	GRADE C109
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	78	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the Blind 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: thirty (30) 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 - Division of State Services for the Blind, 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 State Services for the Blind for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM

FISCAL YEAR

NO.	2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,021,978
(02) EXTRA HELP	384,174
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,154,021
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,875,022
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
(C) PROF. FEES	663,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) PURCHASE OF SERVICES	<u>5,019,977</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,198,672</u>

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT. The Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992, commonly referred to as the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD), requires State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies to establish qualified personnel standards for rehabilitation personnel, including Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, that are consistent with any national or State-approved or recognized certification, licensing, or registration that apply to a particular profession. In order to comply with the Rehabilitation Act and its State Plan requirements, there is hereby authorized for the Department of Human Services, Division of State Services for the Blind a general waiver of the Financial Management Guide, R1-19-4-522 Continuing Professional Education. This waiver allows the agency to provide college level coursework in degree programs for ~~Rehabilitation Counselors~~ any eligible employees selected by the agency. This provision covers any and all formula and discretionary grants funded by the U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration, now or in the future, including, but not limited to, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Supported Employment, Independent Living, and the Staff Development Grant. No state general revenue shall be expended for the tuition in pursuit of a degree authorized herein.

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

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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*