

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2023

A Bill

SENATE BILL 70

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
THE COURTS 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 Administrative Office of the Courts 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)	Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	Q260C	AOC COURT APPLICATIONS BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE IT12
(3)	D143C	AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT11
(4)	Q088C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(5)	Q219C	AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(6)	Q114C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST II	2	GRADE IT08
(7)	Q048C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	2	GRADE IT08



(8)	Q070C AOC REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE IT07
(9)	Q082C AOC INTERPRETER SC:L	1	GRADE IT06
(10)	Q008N AOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(11)	Q009C AOC MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS15
(12)	Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS14
(13)	Q050C AOC COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
(14)	Q071C AOC FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
(15)	Q058C AOC JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(16)	Q104C AOC PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS12
(17)	Q014C AOC SPECIALTY COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(18)	Q069C AOC CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS11
(19)	G309C AOC GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(20)	Q258C AOC JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
(21)	Q089C AOC OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(22)	Q057C AOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
(23)	Q081C AOC SPANISH INTERPRETER	4	GRADE GS10
(24)	Q289C AOC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
(25)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS08
(26)	Q102C AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS08
(27)	A142C AOC PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS08
(28)	Q105C AOC RESEARCH ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	46	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations 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: two (2) 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 Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the fiscal year ending

June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,315,182
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,076,012
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	544,627
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
(C) PROF. FEES	45,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	400,000
(06) COURT INTERPRETER FEES	<u>519,350</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,104,671</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute Resolution Commission for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
No. Code Title		
(1) Q020C AOC ADR PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS12
(2) Q132C AOC ADR TRAINING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(3) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute Resolution Commission - State for the fiscal year ending June 30,

2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$184,950
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	63,291
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	35,514
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	31,604
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANTS	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$355,359</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, 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, fees and services of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$125,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
(C) PROF. FEES	120,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$275,000</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for

reasonable accommodations for persons with hearing and visual impairments to act as a venire person or juror for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) AUXILIARY AIDS-HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES CONTINUING EDUCATION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for a continuing education program for District Judges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$80,000</u>

SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
No. Code Title		
(1) Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(2) Q019C AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS14

(3) Q029C AOC AD LITEM ATTORNEY	34	GRADE GS13
(4) Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	38	

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be transferred from the State Administration of Justice Fund, and to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
2023-2024	
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,181,376
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	995,386
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	566,514
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,405,816
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	1,750,000
(05) ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>396,750</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,305,842</u></u>

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation 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)	Q015N AOC APPLICATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT12

(2)	Q012N AOC CIS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT12
(3)	Q261C AOC IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE DIR	1	GRADE IT12
(4)	Q062N AOC SYSTEMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT12
(5)	N187N CIS DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT12
(6)	Q259C AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE IT11
(7)	Q016C AOC PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT11
(8)	Q005C AOC DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT10
(9)	Q140C AOC DEVELOPMENT TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT10
(10)	Q028C AOC TECHNICAL TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT10
(11)	Q136C AOC INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT09
(12)	Q139C AOC IT SECURITY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT08
(13)	Q190C AOC PROJECT MANAGER II	3	GRADE IT08
(14)	Q142C AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	4	GRADE IT08
(15)	Q049C AOC TECHNICAL ANALYST	3	GRADE IT08
(16)	Q101C AOC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT08
(17)	Q135C AOC BUSINESS ANALYST	4	GRADE IT07
(18)	Q191C AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(19)	Q189C AOC PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT06
(20)	Q138C AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE LEAD	1	GRADE GS12
(21)	Q068C AOC APPLICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS11
(22)	Q137C AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS11
(23)	Q113C AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS08
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	43	

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and other costs associated with the state court automation system by the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,369,504
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,072,945
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,450,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	801,590
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,769,039</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, 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 and other costs associated with the state court automation system of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$150,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES & CLERKS CONTINUING EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the District Court Judge and District Court Clerk Education Fund, for operating expenses for the purpose of providing continuing education to District Court Judges and District Court Clerks by the Administrative Office of the Courts - District Court Judges & Clerks Continuing Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$120,000</u></u>

SECTION 15. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL.
 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement - Federal for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	Q047C AOC CIP DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT08
(2)	Q056C AOC CIP PROGRAM MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS12
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$154,127
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	49,278
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	350,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
(C) PROF. FEES	230,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,033,405</u>

SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.
 There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal 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)	Q121C	AOC DIRECTOR ACCESS & VISITATION	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS07
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$41,140
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	16,567
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	85,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$152,707</u>

SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby

established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security Grants for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2023-2024
(1)	Q133C AOC DIR OF SEC & EMER PREPAREDNESS	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS12
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and security grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$80,560
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	25,443
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) SECURITY GRANTS	<u>250,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$389,003</u></u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the County Juror Reimbursement Fund, for reimbursing Arkansas counties for the costs of jurors by the Administrative Office of the Courts - County Juror Reimbursement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$850,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - COURT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, 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 Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Management Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$12,660
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$15,160

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - USDOT CASE MANAGEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses for the US Department of Transportation Case Management Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - USDOT Case Management for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$484,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$484,000</u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - COURT INTERPRETERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, 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 associated with fees from Court Interpreter candidates and interpreter fees ordered by judges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Specialty Court Program Fund, for costs associated with the Specialty Court Program and providing assistance and support to the Specialty Court Advisory Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM	<u>\$300,000</u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - CASA PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Fund, for operating expenses and grants to local CASA programs statewide of the Administrative Office of the Courts - CASA Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) CASA PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Drug Court Enhancement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,209,902
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	673,567
(C) PROF. FEES	616,519
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0

(02) GRANTS AND AID - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT	<u>599,908</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,099,896</u></u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - AOC STATEWIDE SOFTWARE LICENSE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for costs associated with software licensing for district and circuit courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Statewide Software License for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$30,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$30,000</u></u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses associated with the Juvenile Justice Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reform Initiative of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Juvenile Justice Reform for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$353,774
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,914
(C) PROF. FEES	632,312
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - ACCOUNTABILITY COURT FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Accountability Court Fund, for operating expenses and grants and aid of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Accountability Court Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) ACCOUNTABILITY COURT EXPENSES	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - ADULT DRUG COURT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, 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 and grants and aid of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Adult Drug Court Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) ADULT DRUG COURT EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

FUND TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community Highway Safety Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the Courts and deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse expenditures by the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses of the Continuing Education Program for District Judges as appropriated in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation herein. The appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts provided in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation may be expended

only in the event that federal funds have been granted and will be transferred from the Arkansas State Police to reimburse the Continuing Education Program for District Judges.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 27, Subchapter 4, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts and to add an additional section to read as follows:

9-27-403. Dependency neglect attorney contracts.

(a) The Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation may enter into a professional services contract with a qualified attorney who:

(1) Has previously been employed as an attorney by the state before being appointed to provide representation in dependency-neglect cases by a circuit court; or

(2)(A) Is serving as a part-time public defender or other part-time state employee employed as an attorney when the part-time public defender or other part-time state employee employed as an attorney has been appointed to provide dependency-neglect services by a circuit court.

(B) The part-time public defender or other part-time state employee employed as an attorney is eligible for additional compensation that shall not be construed as exceeding the line item maximum for the grade of the part-time public defender's or other part-time state employee's position when the division reimburses the part-time public defender or other part-time state employee employed as an attorney for dependency-neglect representation services performed.

(b) This section does not prevent the division from otherwise contracting with any qualified attorney in the state for dependency-neglect cases.

SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall receive approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to transfer funds and appropriations between line items Regular

Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expense, Professional Fees and Attorney Ad Litem Fees/Reimbursements of the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation appropriation herein for the payment of employees and/or contractors providing legal services for the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 27, Subchapter 4, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts and to add an additional section to read as follows:

9-27-403. Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation funding.

The Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer funds as needed from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund in amounts as are required to reimburse the State Central Services Fund for a portion of the expenses of the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation.

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, is amended to codify special language in

appropriation acts and to add an additional section to read as follows:

16-17-139. District Court automation funding.

(a) The operating expenses of the District Court State Automation System may be funded through funds received by the Division of Arkansas State Police from the Department of Transportation from the safety incentive funds received under 26 U.S.C. § 163, as it existed on January 1, 2023.

(b) The funds may be transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts as directed by the division.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

MONTHLY INSTALLMENT. From July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024, a lump sum monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of the annual appropriation provided for in the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation appropriation of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made available, shall be provided from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund to provide a portion of the funds for that appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation of the Administrative Office of the Courts in this Act to any other line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more

efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 40. 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 41. 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 42. 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.