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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1098

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DISABILITY  
DETERMINATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
DISABILITY DETERMINATION APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the State Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	U034U	DDSSA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
(2)	L003N	CHIEF PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	1	GRADE MP09
(3)	L025N	SENIOR PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	2	GRADE MP08
(4)	L024N	DDSSA MEDICAL SPECIALIST	26	GRADE MP07



(5)	L012N DDSSA MEDICAL CONSULTANT	11	GRADE MP06
(6)	L027N DDSSA PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIST	7	GRADE MP05
(7)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT07
(8)	D121C BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT06
(9)	D042C DATA WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT06
(10)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	6	GRADE IT05
(11)	D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
(12)	A145C DDSSA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS14
(13)	G234C DDSSA PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4	GRADE GS13
(14)	G059C DDSSA ASST DIRECTOR	5	GRADE GS12
(15)	G292C DDSSA PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(16)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(17)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(18)	E067C DDSSA PROGRAM EDUCATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS11
(19)	G233C DDSSA SECTION MANAGER	9	GRADE GS11
(20)	X207C DDSSA ADJUDICATOR V	185	GRADE GS10
(21)	G258C DDSSA HEARING OFFICER	5	GRADE GS10
(22)	X203C DDSSA QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS10
(23)	G112C DDSSA UNIT SUPERVISOR	28	GRADE GS10
(24)	X190C DDSSA ADJUDICATOR IV	79	GRADE GS09
(25)	A116C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(26)	X071C DDSSA CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR III	118	GRADE GS08
(27)	X070C DDSSA FRAUD INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(28)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(29)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(30)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
(31)	X104C DDSSA CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR II	2	GRADE GS07
(32)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(33)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
(34)	X143C DDSSA CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR I	3	GRADE GS06
(35)	G199C DDSSA PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER	1	GRADE GS06
(36)	X201C DDSSA ADJUDICATIVE SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS05
(37)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
(38)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	1	GRADE GS05
(39)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
(40)	C049C DDSSA ADJUDICATIVE ASSISTANT	58	GRADE GS04

(41) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
(42) R038C HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	594	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination 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: twenty (20) 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 State Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination, 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 State Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$40,681,819
(02) EXTRA HELP	450,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,472,435
(04) OVERTIME	2,000,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,184,400
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	26,500
(C) PROF. FEES	13,926,285
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	75,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$77,816,439</u>

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. The Director of the State Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination, after receiving the approval of the Office of Personnel Management, and after seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to establish such new additional full time positions as may become necessary to carry out the objectives of the department and/or to meet Federal requirements of new and/or expanded programs where such needs are financed by Federal funds; provided that not more than two hundred fifty (250) positions may be created in addition to those authorized in the Regular Salaries section of this Act.

If the department requests continuation of any positions as established herein, the positions must be requested as new positions in the department's budget request.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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, 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.