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HOUSE BILL 1014

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 PROVIDER SERVICES AND QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF PROVIDER SERVICES AND QUALITY ASSURANCE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 Provider Services and Quality Assurance for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX22A	HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC09
(3)	SSP04C	DHS DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC07



(4)	LAT03P ATTORNEY I	1	GRADE SPC03
(5)	FFS01C FISCAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SGS10
(6)	IIV01C INVESTIGATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS09
(7)	PQA02C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	3	GRADE SGS09
(8)	SSP15C SOCIAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
(9)	IIN04C INSPECTOR MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS08
(10)	IIN05P INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(11)	PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	12	GRADE SGS07
(12)	IIN03P INSPECTOR III	19	GRADE SGS06
(13)	IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	3	GRADE SGS06
(14)	PQA03P QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	7	GRADE SGS06
(15)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE SGS05
(16)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	20	GRADE SGS05
(17)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	3	GRADE SGS05
(18)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	9	GRADE SGS04
(19)	IIN01P INSPECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS04
(20)	PAS09P LICENSING COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS03
(21)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	10	GRADE SGS02
(22)	MNU05C NURSING ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE MED08
(23)	MNU07C REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER	3	GRADE MED07
(24)	MNU08P REG. NURSE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	15	GRADE MED06
(25)	MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	45	GRADE MED05
(26)	IUS02P USER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE IST05
(27)	PHS08P HEALTH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SGS08
(28)	PHS05P HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(29)	PHS07P HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	186	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance for the 2026-2027 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: eight (8) 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 Provider Services and Quality Assurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,958,892
(02) EXTRA HELP	67,657
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,044,622
(04) OVERTIME	2,909
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,641,250
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	703,675
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$19,444,005</u>

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.