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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1038

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 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Child Support Enforcement 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) | EEX17A | DFA DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE EXE01 |
| (2) | PRP03C | DFA ASSISTANT DIVISION ADMIN | 3 | GRADE SPC08 |
| (3) | LAT05P | ATTORNEY III | 4 | GRADE SPC08 |
| (4) | LAT04P | ATTORNEY II | 47 | GRADE SPC05 |



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| (5) | PRP09P REVENUE PROGRAM COORDINATOR | 4 | GRADE SPC03 |
| (6) | FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II | 1 | GRADE SPC02 |
| (7) | FAU04P AUDITOR II | 1 | GRADE SPC02 |
| (8) | FAU03P AUDITOR I | 2 | GRADE SPC01 |
| (9) | PRP10C REVENUE REGIONAL MANAGER | 4 | GRADE SGS09 |
| (10) | PRP08C REVENUE MANAGER | 5 | GRADE SGS08 |
| (11) | CTR04P TRAINING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 1 | GRADE SGS08 |
| (12) | FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 36 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (13) | CTR02P TRAINER | 10 | GRADE SGS07 |
| (14) | ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 63 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (15) | FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (16) | HDH04P HR ANALYST | 1 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (17) | CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST | 2 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (18) | PRP12P REVENUE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 2 | GRADE SGS06 |
| (19) | PCS02P CHILD SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT | 47 | GRADE SGS05 |
| (20) | PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (21) | PCS01P CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 290 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (22) | FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 18 | GRADE SGS04 |
| (23) | PRP02P CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST | 227 | GRADE SGS03 |
| (24) | IIA05C IT DIVISION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE IST12 |
| (25) | IIS01P IT COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE IST08 |
| (26) | IIP02P IT PROJECT MANAGER | <u>1</u> | GRADE IST08 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 775 | |

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Finance and Administration - Child Support Enforcement 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: fifteen (15) 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 Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Child Support Enforcement Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the

Department of Finance and Administration - Child Support Enforcement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 |
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| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$34,922,533 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 100,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 14,167,631 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 14,535,654 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 25,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 250,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 100,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (05) DATA PROCESSING AND EQUIPMENT EXPENSE | <u>13,848,483</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$77,949,301</u></u> |

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP EXEMPTION. Extra Help positions authorized herein are specifically exempt from limitation of hours, either by act or regulation. Provided, however, when a temporary or part-time employee is employed by the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Child Support Enforcement for a period of time exceeding seven (7) months, a report of such shall be filed with the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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, 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.