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HOUSE BILL 1040

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, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DISABILITY DETERMINATION 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 State Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX16A	DDSSA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
(2)	FAC08C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
(3)	PDI09C	DISABILITY DIVISION DIRECTOR	3	GRADE SPC08
(4)	PDI08C	DISABILITY DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE SPC07



(5)	HDH06C HR MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC04
(6)	FAC05P ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
(7)	PDI11C DISABILITY PROF. RELATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS11
(8)	PDI13C DISABILITY UNIT MANAGER	13	GRADE SGS11
(9)	PDI05C DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR V	72	GRADE SGS10
(10)	PDI10C DISABILITY HEARING OFFICER	6	GRADE SGS10
(11)	PDI12C DISABILITY QUALITY ASSURANCE COORD	10	GRADE SGS10
(12)	PDI14C DISABILITY UNIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	31	GRADE SGS10
(13)	PDI04P DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR IV	56	GRADE SGS08
(14)	PDI03P DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR III	116	GRADE SGS07
(15)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(16)	CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(17)	PDI02P DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR II	54	GRADE SGS06
(18)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS06
(19)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS05
(20)	PDI01P DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR I	68	GRADE SGS05
(21)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
(22)	PDI07P DISABILITY CLAIMS SPECIALIST	23	GRADE SGS04
(23)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE SGS04
(24)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
(25)	TAT08P PRINTER	2	GRADE SGS04
(26)	PDI06P DISABILITY CLAIMS ASSISTANT	58	GRADE SGS03
(27)	PAS11P MAILROOM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS01
(28)	MDM01C DISABILITY CHIEF PHYSICIAN SPEC	1	GRADE MED14
(29)	MDM05P DISABILITY SENIOR PHYSICIAN SPEC	2	GRADE MED12
(30)	MDM03P DISABILITY PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	19	GRADE MED11
(31)	MDM02P DISABILITY PHYSICIAN CONSULTANT	14	GRADE MED10
(32)	MDM04P DISABILITY PSYCHOLOGIST	11	GRADE MED09
(33)	IIA06C IT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
(34)	IDN01P DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IST07
(35)	IDM02P DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IST07
(36)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	5	GRADE IST06
(37)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IST04
(38)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST02
	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 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: 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$40,705,719
(02) EXTRA HELP	450,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,477,931
(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>\$77,845,835</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, ~~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.