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SENATE BILL 32

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
11 SERVICES - DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
25 for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services for the
26 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
32	(1) N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
33	(2) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	2	GRADE MP01
34	(3) N111N	DHS ASST DEP DIR FOR MGR ACCOUNTING	1	GRADE GS13
35	(4) M003C	DHS BEHAV HLTH CHILDRENS SYST CARE DIR	1	GRADE GS13
36	(5) G004C	MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13



1	(6)	N156N BEHAV HLTH ASST DIR CHILDRENS SVS	1	GRADE GS12
2	(7)	G027N DHS RESEARCH ANALYSIS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
3	(8)	G255C DYS ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS11
4	(9)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	6	GRADE GS09
5	(10)	E015C SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
6	(11)	M008C YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
7	(12)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	3	GRADE GS08
8	(13)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	11	GRADE GS08
9	(14)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
10	(15)	M012C YOUTH PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
11	(16)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS07
12	(17)	G082C DHS/DYS ADMISSIONS EVALUATOR	1	GRADE GS07
13	(18)	E048C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS07
14	(19)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
15	(20)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
16	(21)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	5	GRADE GS06
17	(22)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	10	GRADE GS06
18	(23)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
19	(24)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
20	(25)	X101C INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS06
21	(26)	G166C MILITARY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS06
22	(27)	M047C YOUTH SERVICES ADVISOR	11	GRADE GS06
23	(28)	M060C YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	10	GRADE GS05
24	(29)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE GS04
25	(30)	T072C SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
26	(31)	T084C PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	14	GRADE GS03
27	(32)	M070C YOUTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST	<u>9</u>	GRADE GS03
28		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	121	

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30 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

31 the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services for the 2025-

32 2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary

33 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated

34 herein for such purposes: thirty-six (36) temporary or part-time employees,

35 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform

36 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the

1 appropriate classification.

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3 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 4 to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as
 5 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 6 and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of
 7 Youth Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,012,863
12 (02) EXTRA HELP	41,903
13 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,360,444
14 (04) OVERTIME	8,699
15 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,257,099
17 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,400
18 (C) PROF. FEES	609,050
19 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	105,000
20 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$14,450,458</u>

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23 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY BASED SANCTIONS. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth
 25 Services, to be payable from the Youth Services Fund Account, for grants and
 26 aid for graduated community based sanctions for juveniles adjudicated
 27 delinquent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
31 (01) COMMUNITY BASED SANCTIONS	<u>\$2,480,444</u>

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33 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
 35 Youth Services Fund Account, for purchase of services from community based
 36 providers by the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services

1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
5 (01) COMMUNITY SERVICES	<u>\$13,821,100</u>

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7 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICE GRANTS.

8 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be
 9 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 10 the State, for federally funded grants of the Department of Human Services -
 11 Division of Youth Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 12 following:

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14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16 (01) FEDERAL CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICE GRANTS	<u>\$17,832,942</u>

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18 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - RESIDENTIAL SERVICES. There is hereby
 19 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
 20 Youth Services Fund Account, for the purchase and operation of residential
 21 services by the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services for
 22 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
26 (01) RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	<u>\$34,616,356</u>

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28 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 30 OF FUNDS FOR THE JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM. The Department of Human
 31 Services shall provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the
 32 fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 for the Juvenile Ombudsman Program
 33 described in ACA 16-87-216. Upon request by the Executive Director of the
 34 Arkansas Public Defender Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
 35 shall transfer an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the fiscal year ending
 36 June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 from an account designated by the Secretary of the

1 Department of Human Services to the State Central Services Fund as a direct
2 revenue to fund the Juvenile Ombudsman Program.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
4 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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6 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
8 OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES. The Chief Fiscal Officer
9 of the State shall transfer funds in an amount of \$400,000 for the fiscal
10 year ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 from the Department of Human Services – Youth
11 Services Fund Account to the Juvenile Detention Facilities Operating Fund to
12 fund the appropriation to the Department of Finance and Administration –
13 Disbursing Officer for grants for operating expenses of local juvenile
14 detention facilities.

15 The amount of the funds transferred in the fiscal year ending June 30,
16 ~~2025~~ 2026 may be adjusted upon request of the Secretary of the Department of
17 Human Services on a pro-rata basis with any reductions provided in the
18 Revenue Stabilization Law from the July 1 Official Forecast of general
19 revenue funding for the Division of Youth Services.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
21 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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23 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
25 RESIDENTIAL SERVICES CONTINGENCY. If it has been determined that the
26 Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services cannot continue to
27 contract with private provider(s) for residential juvenile services,
28 educational services, therapeutic services, and/or medical services and deems
29 it necessary to utilize Department staff to provide all or parts of the
30 required services above, the Department is authorized to seek the approval of
31 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Governor and the Arkansas
32 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to utilize the contingent
33 residential services positions contained in this Act and to make the
34 appropriate transfers from any line item authorized in the RESIDENTIAL
35 SERVICES appropriation of this Act to any line item authorized in the
36 OPERATIONS appropriation of this Act. If it has been determined that the

1 Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services cannot continue to
 2 operate one or more of the various service components of a Residential
 3 Facility for residential juvenile services, educational services, therapeutic
 4 services, and/or medical services and deems it necessary to utilize a
 5 contract with private provider(s), the Department is authorized to seek the
 6 approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Governor and the
 7 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to make the
 8 appropriate transfers from any line item authorized in the OPERATIONS
 9 appropriation of this Act to any line item authorized in the RESIDENTIAL
 10 SERVICES appropriation of this Act.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 12 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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 14 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
 16 HELP SALARIES - CONTINGENT RESIDENTIAL SERVICES POSITIONS. There is hereby
 17 established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services
 18 - Contingent Residential Services Positions, the following maximum number of
 19 positions whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform
 20 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code § 21-5-201 et seq.), or
 21 its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Requests to use positions
 22 will be based upon the non-contracted services for residential juvenile
 23 services, educational services, therapeutic services, and/or medical
 24 services. If at such time a category(s) of services are contracted with
 25 private provider(s), identified positions associated with such service(s)
 26 shall be returned to the contingency pool. In order to ensure required
 27 staffing levels, Extra Help positions authorized herein are specifically
 28 exempt from limitation of hours, either by Act or regulation.

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 30 CONTINGENT POSITIONS - RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

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32	ITEM	CLASS		NO. OF
33	NO.	CODE	TITLE	EMPLOYEES
34	(01)	9999	EXTRA HELP	<u>320</u>
35	GRAND TOTAL	CONTINGENT POSITIONS		320

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

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4 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
10 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
12 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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14 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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23 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
24 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
25 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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35 APPROVED: 4/18/25
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