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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1038

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

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
17 ADMINISTRATION - CHILD SUPPORT
18 ENFORCEMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-
19 2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
26 Department of Finance and Administration - Child Support Enforcement for the
27 2026-2027 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
				2026-2027
33	(1)	EEX17A	DFA DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1 GRADE EXE01
34	(2)	PRP03C	DFA ASSISTANT DIVISION ADMIN	3 GRADE SPC08
35	(3)	LAT05P	ATTORNEY III	4 GRADE SPC08
36	(4)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	47 GRADE SPC05



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

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25 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 26 of Finance and Administration - Child Support Enforcement for the 2026-2027
 27 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 28 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 29 herein for such purposes: fifteen (15) temporary or part-time employees, when
 30 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 31 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 32 appropriate classification.

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34 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 35 to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Child
 36 Support Enforcement Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the

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

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

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

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
 27 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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 29 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 30 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 31 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 32 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 33 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 34 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 35 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 36 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

1 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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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.

APPROVED: 4/22/26