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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1040

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 STATE DEPARTMENT FOR
11 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DISABILITY
12 DETERMINATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
13 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR
17 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
18 DISABILITY DETERMINATION APPROPRIATION
19 FOR THE 2026-2027 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 State
26 Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination for
27 the 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)	EEX16A DDSSA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
34	(2)	FAC08C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
35	(3)	PDI09C DISABILITY DIVISION DIRECTOR	3	GRADE SPC08
36	(4)	PDI08C DISABILITY DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE SPC07



1	(5)	HDH06C HR MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC04
2	(6)	FAC05P ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
3	(7)	PDI11C DISABILITY PROF. RELATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS11
4	(8)	PDI13C DISABILITY UNIT MANAGER	13	GRADE SGS11
5	(9)	PDI05C DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR V	72	GRADE SGS10
6	(10)	PDI10C DISABILITY HEARING OFFICER	6	GRADE SGS10
7	(11)	PDI12C DISABILITY QUALITY ASSURANCE COORD	10	GRADE SGS10
8	(12)	PDI14C DISABILITY UNIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	31	GRADE SGS10
9	(13)	PDI04P DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR IV	56	GRADE SGS08
10	(14)	PDI03P DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR III	116	GRADE SGS07
11	(15)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(16)	CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
13	(17)	PDI02P DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR II	54	GRADE SGS06
14	(18)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS06
15	(19)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS05
16	(20)	PDI01P DISABILITY ADJUDICATOR I	68	GRADE SGS05
17	(21)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
18	(22)	PDI07P DISABILITY CLAIMS SPECIALIST	23	GRADE SGS04
19	(23)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE SGS04
20	(24)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
21	(25)	TAT08P PRINTER	2	GRADE SGS04
22	(26)	PDI06P DISABILITY CLAIMS ASSISTANT	58	GRADE SGS03
23	(27)	PAS11P MAILROOM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS01
24	(28)	MDM01C DISABILITY CHIEF PHYSICIAN SPEC	1	GRADE MED14
25	(29)	MDM05P DISABILITY SENIOR PHYSICIAN SPEC	2	GRADE MED12
26	(30)	MDM03P DISABILITY PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	19	GRADE MED11
27	(31)	MDM02P DISABILITY PHYSICIAN CONSULTANT	14	GRADE MED10
28	(32)	MDM04P DISABILITY PSYCHOLOGIST	11	GRADE MED09
29	(33)	IIA06C IT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
30	(34)	IDN01P DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IST07
31	(35)	IDM02P DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IST07
32	(36)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	5	GRADE IST06
33	(37)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IST04
34	(38)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST02
35		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	594	

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1 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State
 2 Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination for
 3 the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 4 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 5 appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20) temporary or part-time
 6 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 7 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 8 for the appropriate classification.

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 10 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 11 to the State Department for Social Security Administration Disability
 12 Determination, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the
 13 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 14 expenses of the State Department for Social Security Administration
 15 Disability Determination for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 16 following:

18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$40,705,719
21 (02) EXTRA HELP	450,000
22 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,477,931
23 (04) OVERTIME	2,000,000
24 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,184,400
26 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	26,500
27 (C) PROF. FEES	13,926,285
28 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	75,000
29 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$77,845,835</u>

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 32 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADDITIONAL
 34 POSITIONS. The Director of the State Department for Social Security
 35 Administration Disability Determination, after receiving the approval of the
 36 Office of Personnel Management, and after seeking prior review by the

1 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the
2 authority to establish such new additional full time positions as may become
3 necessary to carry out the objectives of the department and/or to meet
4 Federal requirements of new and/or expanded programs where such needs are
5 financed by Federal funds; provided that not more than two hundred fifty
6 (250) positions may be created in addition to those authorized in the Regular
7 Salaries section of this Act.

8 If the department requests continuation of any positions as established
9 herein, the positions must be requested as new positions in the department's
10 budget request.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
12 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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14 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
15 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
17 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
26 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
27 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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