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**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

February 13, 2023

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to SB9, the 2023-2024 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission.

Please insert SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - EXTRA HELP EXEMPTION as follows and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. EXTRA HELP EXEMPTION. The Arkansas Public Defender Commission may utilize their authorized extra help positions up to a maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification Act or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

This will allow the Commission to utilize Extra Help employees, assisting with case backlog, beyond the existing 1,500 hour limitation.

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I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

ARKANSAS SENATE

94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023

Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 9

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024
FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 9

Amend Senate Bill No. 9 as originally introduced:

Page 9, immediately following SECTION 19, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP EXEMPTION. The Arkansas Public Defender Commission may utilize their authorized extra help positions up to a maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification Act or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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